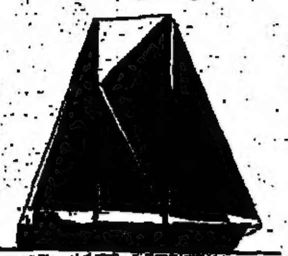
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After serving 20 years in South African prisons, Mr David Kitson flew out of the country last night to be re-united with his wife at Heathrow Airport this morning. Back page

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Sir John Clark, chairman and chief executive of The Plessey Company, has had his salary increased by one-third from £154,874 to £206,468. Page 19

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Yvon Fauconnier, of France, has won the *Observer* Europe I transatlantic race, after being awarded a 16 hours time allowance for saving a fellow competitor. Page 21

Coal board moves to evict miners occupying Kent pit

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A possession order was granted in the High Court yesterday enabling the National Coal Board to evict about 20 miners occupying Betteshanger colliery, near Deal, in Kent.

There were no indications whether the legal order would be quickly activated. Coal board officials were meeting last night to plan their next moves at Betteshanger in the face of likely resistance from the miners at the colliery, who were said to have put up barricades.

The coal board's decision to go to the High Court to evict the protesters was taken, according to the board, because it had a legal responsibility for maintenance of the pit and it was unable to discharge that responsibility with miners occupying the control room.

Some miners were thougt to be 2,000ft below the surface as part of the protest against two Betteshanger miners reporting for work on Sunday. There were reports that the miners turned hosepipes on court officials who arrived at the pit to serve notices of yesterday's High Court action.

Last night three members of the management at the colliery were trying to persuade the men to leave. It was understood that the coal board was reluctant to activate the order unless those attempts had demonstrably failed.

Meanwhile, the search for a new development plan for the coal industry was officially launched yesterday.

Mr Ian MacGregor, coal board chairman, yesterday met the two other unions in the industry, the British Association of Colliery Management and the National Associaton of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers (Nacods) to discuss the strike by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and the future of the industry. It was agreed that the board would draw up new proposals to put to the unions in the form of a revised *Plan for Coal*.

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The original *Plan for Coal*, which ws drawn up in 1974, was now "hopelessly out of date" yesterday's meeting agreed, but the two unions present insisted that discussions about the future could not progress without the attendance of the NUM.

The unions and the board agreed that there was little prospect of the NUM becoming involved in the discussions in the industry's consultative machinery, although the unions are expected to keep the NUM informed of developments "through the usual channels".

Those channels are also likely to be used by Nacods to emphasize that union's concern about the condition of many pits with the strike in its fourteenth week. Mr Ken Sampey, the Nacods president, said: "If we are not careful we shall be doing the coal board's job for them. We are already losing faces, we don't want to lose pits."

He said that his union would be talking to the NUM about ways of tackling fires and problems of spontaneous combustion on several faces. Mr Sampey claimed that in Yorkshire his members had been prevented from going down pits to carry out safety work by NUM pickets.

He added: "We understand the problems the NUM has, but we are very concerned about the physical condition of some of the pits and we shall be expressing our concern to the NUM".

Yesterday Wight Contractors of Penygroes, near Llanelli, Dyfed, won an injunction against the NUM to halt picketing of a disused colliery tip from which the company extracts coal. It said it had suffered a £4,000 a week loss.

An injunction was awarded against the south Wales area of the union which prohibits "organizing, procuring, financing, encouraging or otherwise facilitating" unlawful picketing.



A festival of fashion

As the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Royal Ascot – where Britain's annual festival of outrageous fashion and first class horse racing opened yesterday – the temperature soared towards the sweltering eighties (Rupert Morris writes).

Attendance was up 35,046 compared with 32,638 last year, and, not surprisingly, visitors consumed all the available house champagne. By the end of the day the cheapest bottle was £18.

The Queen's open carriage led the Royal procession.

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Thatcher refuses to yield over Orgreave mob

By Anthony Bevins and Craig Seton

The Prime Minister and senior Cabinet colleagues yesterday drummed home the concerted message that neither the Orgreave mob nor Mr Arthur Scargill's striking faction could or would be allowed to win.

The political determination came as Mr Peter Wright, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, appealed to miners' leaders to help reduce the level of violence at the "battleground" of Orgreave and an unrepentant Mr Scargill, the miner's president, accused the police of "blind hatred" towards pickets.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher told Mr Kinnock in the Commons that she was astonished by his suggestion that because one faction of the mineworkers' union should adopt the disgraceful tactics of mob violence and intimidation at Orgreave, they should be given what they wanted.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, was more graphic. He told MPs later: "If a highwayman holds you up, it is always possible to avoid violence by handing over to him what he wants."

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was more personal and more political. He suggested in a BBC radio interview: "Even the leadership of the Labour Party is now trying to escape from the embrace of Mr Scargill, because they know that when Mr Scargill goes down, if they have not escaped from his embrace, they will go down too."

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, confined himself to a statement. He said: "Last week, there were times when there were no pickets at Orgreave. But Mr Scargill wished to illustrate that the mob was still available."

The three ministers, those most closely involved in masterminding the government response to the dispute, had earlier met the Prime Minister at No 10 to discuss Orgreave.

Mrs Thatcher said in the Commons that there could be no concession to the mob's damands.

"If we were to do that, we would lose in two ways," she said. "We would be asking the National Coal Board to adopt a policy which would destroy the prospects of an efficient industry and, second, we would be accepting that violence and intimidation were an acceptable part of industrial relations."

She then challenged Mr Kinnock to denounce picket line violence, which he did. He then appealed to her to appreciate the strong basis for a negotiated settlement.

Mrs Thatcher replied that 50,000 miners were working. "I note he is against those miners who are working," she said, adding later: "These violent tactics have been used to try to

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Boy 'killed in Israeli search'

By Our Foreign Staff

Israeli troops killed a boy, aged seven during a search operationin the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiya after an attack on a Israeli patrol there yesterday according to residents quoted by Reuter.

They said that the boy, Hassan Ali Kahil, was shot as the troops searched for gunmen who slightly wounded three Israeli soldiers in an attack.

In another version of the incident Agence France Presse quoted a Radio Lebanon report that the boy was in his home when he was hit by automatic gunfire, coming from Israeli soldiers.

According to Agence France Presse, the Lebanese Red Cross yesterday denied Israeli claims that three men killed in Sidon, southern Lebanon on Monday were preparing to plant an explosive charge, saying they were shot dead during Israeli searches.

A Red Cross official said that two of the men, car mechanics aged about 1 or 18, died when an Israeli foot patrol opened indiscriminate fire at Ghaziye, Sidon's industrial district, as terrified passers-by scattered.

The third man was killed by Israeli automatic fire while he was in a Red Cross ambulance at Zahrani, about two miles further south, the official said.

Christopher Walker writes from Jerusalem that Israel's army spokesman yesterday stood by the original account he had given of Monday's incident in which it was stated that "at about 1600 hours an Israeli force encountered three terrorists who were preparing an explosive device at the southern approach to Sidon. The Israeli force opened fire and killed the terrorists".

The spokesman added that the army had no knowledge of the alleged killing of a child.

Liverpool offered homes deal

By Hugh Clayton

Liverpool City Council will be offered a new housing aid package if it drops its threat to introduce a potentially illegal budget. That is the deal that ministers and Labour leaders of the council are working on in a long series of talks.

The atmosphere after yesterday's bargaining session in London contrasted sharply with the threats of confrontation made by councillors in the city last week. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said after yesterday's talks that he was more optimistic than when he had woken that morning.

He said: "There is quite clearly a genuine will to find a way through. The last thing I want is to put in commissioners." Leaders of the council were upstaged at a press conference after the talks by members of Labour's front bench in the Commons.

Mr Derek Hatton, deputy leader of the council, said: "We had useful discussions that certainly indicated ways forward." All who attended the talks in London refused to indicate how the hitherto wide gap might be bridged. Councillors continued yesterday to insist that they would not sacrifice jobs and services. They intend to put forward a budget proposal in July.

Council officers and staff at the Department of the Environment have investigated ways of reducing council spending so as to produce a balanced budget without incurring a crippling rate rise and severe cuts in services. The Government repeated at yesterday's talks that it could not give the city direct cash aid that would enable it to spend heavily while demanding a low rate rise.

Mr Jenkins said afterwards: "It is a question of looking at things like housing next year

Graham voted off TUC council

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Mr Alistair Graham, a prominent right-winger in the labour movement, has been voted off the general council of the TUC by the executive of his union, the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA).

Mr Graham, general secretary of the CPSA, will be replaced by Mr Ray Alderson, a vice-president, who will join two other Communist Party members on the movement's most powerful body.

The CPAS leader was voted down yesterday after refusing to accept strict political conditions on his continued membership of the general council. The decision comes as a consequence of the recent triumph of the Left in the union which gave them a 23 to six majority on the executive.

Mr Graham said last night that he had refused to accept the appointment of "three political minders" to mandate him on motions coming before the general council.

He said: "I told them that I was prepared to accept the changes on the executive council and reflect their views, but I was not prepared to accept what they were proposing which was impractical and unconstitutional."

Mrs Kate Losinka, the right-wing president of the union, said that there should be a referendum among the membership on the issue: "If there was, Alderson would certainly not win it", she said. She said the decision would tear the union apart and was "a shameful insult to a man of great stature and principle who has refused to be put in a political strait-jacket by factions."

Mr Graham is due for re-election as general secretary in two years time and is determined to stand despite the rebuff by the executive.

● The Government faces a massive rejection of its 4.5 per cent pay offer by the 500,000 members of the civil service unions.

The normally moderate Inland Revenue Staff Federation, which is still balloting on the proposed deal, is currently recording a seven to one vote against. Other unions started consulting their members on Monday

Drivers who kill will face prison

By Francis Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Immediate jail sentences of two or more years should be imposed on drivers who cause death through drink or extreme recklessness and disregard of others' safety, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, said yesterday.

Lord Lane, who was laying down tougher new sentencing guidelines in such cases, said that courts were treating the offence of causing death by driving recklessly as less serious than it was, than Parliament intended it to be and than the public regarded it.

That was clear from recent Home Office statistics for 1980 to 1982, which showed that of some 200 people, almost all men, who came before the courts for that offenc, most did not receive any custodial sentence.

Of those who did, the majority received six months or less and almost all received 12 months or less, he said.

It was impossible to say in advance what the sentence in a particular case should be, but the courts had a duty to reflect not only Parliament's concern, but also that of the public, Lord Lane said.

At present, he said, 12 to 18 months appeared to be the maximum sentence. "It is not easy to see why this should be so".

Lord Lane called for custodial sentences where "aggravating" features were present. These included "racing" by drivers, driving with a reckless disregard for the safety of others through the taking of drink, where two or more years would be correct.

Other such features were speeding, showing off, disregarding warnings from passengers, and a prolonged and deliberate course of bad driving.

Other factors to be taken into account were previous motoring convictions, failure to stop at the time of the offence, causing more than one death and causing death in a bid to avoid being caught.

Lord Lane and two other judges went on to uphold jail terms of more than 12 months on three drivers who had appeared before circuit judges on charges of causing death by reckless driving.

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Enterprise £392m sale

The Government assured itself of raising at least £392m yesterday when it formally launched the flotation of its latest privatization venture, Enterprise Oil.

The share capital of the company, set up to take over the North Sea oil assets formerly owned by British Gas, is being offered to investors at a minimum price of 185p a share. Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, announced the go ahead yesterday despite the recent fall in share values. Stockbrokers had originally estimated that the sell-off could raise between £400m and £475m.

The Treasury's final proceeds from the issue – a tender offer – could still top £400m

The Government has made sure of raising at least £392m by having the issue underwritten by merchant banks for fees of £6m. Page 19

Plea to end publicity for terrorists

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, set out yesterday to counter efforts by international terrorists to use the media for propaganda ends.

He told the Foreign Press Association in London that the terrorist "depends upon a willingness in the media both to broadcast news of his exploits and, where possible, to excuse the dreadful means employed by concentrating on the allegedly idealistic ends of his activity."

He "thrives on misleading publicity", Mr Brittan said. The terrorist's ultimate objectives would be obtained only when he had shaken the will of the majority and of their elected representatives.

Mr Brittan's speech was in the context of a drive for international cooperation against terrorism.

Britain signals EEC budget concessions

From Ian Murray, Luxembourg

Britain yesterday signalled it was prepared to make further concessions to secure a settlement of its EEC budget problem at next week's European summit in Fontainebleau. But it emphasised that in return there would have to be a similar move by the rest of the Community to meet its demand for a cut in its payments to the EEC budget.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, had travelled to Luxembourg to give this message to the other foreign ministers gathered there for a regular council session. He arranged a series of private meetings with each of them to urge that "One more effort of compromise on all sides" could produce the long delayed settlement.

Other ministers refused to discuss Sir Geoffrey's approach openly. Claude Cheysson, the French Minister chairing the meeting, said Britain had not asked for the subject even to be on the agenda for the past two months and therefore there was nothing to say. But he did agree that a great deal was going on "in the wings".

At the same time he sounded out opinion on a new 12-page British initiative to relaunch the Community, which Mrs Margaret Thatcher wants discussed at the summit provided the budget argument is settled. It includes ideas for streamlining Community procedures and institutions, for stopping frivolous use of a nation's veto powers and for working more harmoniously with the European Parliament.

What is essentially at issue is the level of rebates Britain should be offered as the starting point for a new system designed to moderate net contributions according to its relative wealth.

There was no immediate response to Sir Geoffrey's overtures in Luxembourg.

McEnroe shows a surly face to the press

By Alan Hamilton

Mr John McEnroe does not like the press. It is possible that he dislikes them even more than the umpires and touch judges of the Lawn Tennis Association.

It was therefore uncommonly civil of him to turn up five minutes early yesterday for an exhibition match of world-class surliness with his detested opponents in an Oxford Street sports shop. This tactical ploy gave the champion an extra five minutes to insult the assembled notebooks and cameras.

Mr McEnroe appeared with his regular doubles partner, Mr Peter Fleming. Mr Fleming, a polite man who smiles, quickly realized that the match was out of his league and took little further part.

Mr McEnroe, slumped in a chair with unshaven jaw held in hand, possibly to hold his scowl



Holding court: John McEnroe yesterday. (Photograph: John Voos).

in place, played an entirely defensive game, returning the service of Fleet Street's most aggressive players with a succession of slow backhanders.

Recognizing that some gentlemen of the press are almost literate, he avoided the kind of four-letter volley he had been firing towards the officials at Queen's Club, and relied on a steady, sulky sarcasm, never allowing his eyes to rise above the level of his socks.

What was his reaction to the demand of Mr Harry Greenaway, Conservative MP and tennis umpire, that he should be banned from competition for two years? "I don't have a reaction, to be honest."

What did he think of Mr Greenaway's opinion that he had a bad effect on children? "I don't rally have a comment on that." The match, so far, was unpromising.

Did he not think it a bit much to call a man a moron in public, and did he not regret it, the BBC ventured. Mr McEnroe took off, if maintaining a sulky slouch with half-shut eyelids can be called taking off.

"What I regret is having to come to places like this and deal with people like you. It's very embarrassing.

"I have always been one for constructive criticisms. I always criticize myself; but there's a very narrow point of view over here." Mr McEnroe, 15 minutes into the game, was tiring.

Mr McEnroe, a consummate professional, had one final insult to even the match and, some line judge opined, win. "If you want to know who's screwing up kids, go look in the mirror and read some papers. Kids are way above people like you."

Time was called, and the bear-baiting team was hustled out to make way for the public, 200 of whom had queued for Mr McEnroe's autograph. Those who lingered then saw a young girl approach for an autograph. Mr McEnroe's face was transformed as though Nausicaa, goddess of the game, had reached down from her heavenly eyrie to lift an evil spell. Mr John McEnroe smiled....

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MPs will investigate 'reprisals' threat

The Commons decided yesterday that a Labour MP who threatened reprisals against London Conservative MPs who backed moves to curb Greater London Council spending should be investigated by the Committee of Privileges (Philip Webster writes).

It decided by 303 votes to 135 to refer the remarks of Mr Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newhan North West and a GLC member, to the all-party committee of senior MPs, in spite of a succession of pleas by Labour members, including Mr Michael Foot and Mr Peter Shore.

The committee will consider the complaint and make recommendations, if it considers punishment is required, to the House, which has unlimited powers in such cases and can send offenders to prison.

Queen's visit to Canada in doubt

A visit by the Queen to Canada may be cancelled if Mr John Turner, who has succeeded Mr Pierre Trudeau as leader of the ruling Liberal Party, calls a snap general election. It is a long-standing convention that royal visits do not take place during political elections.

The 13-day visit, beginning on July 14, coincides with 200th anniversary celebrations in New Brunswick and Ontario, and Toronto's 150th anniversary. Buckingham Palace is also expected to abandon, on Cabinet advice, plans for the Queen to open the £1,300m Selby coalfield in North Yorkshire on June 28.

Scarman seeks evidence rule

Lord Scarman is pressing for tighter statutory rules on the exclusion by courts of evidence that has been obtained unlawfully by police or in breach of the proposed codes of practice on questioning and detention.

He has tabled a clause to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, now in the Lords, that evidence so obtained should be excluded, unless courts are satisfied it should be given in the "overriding interests of justice".

Boys on murder attempt charge

Four boys, one aged 13, another aged 14 and two others aged 15, were remanded in custody when they appeared before Sheriff Frank Hamilton at Paisley, near Glasgow, yesterday after a six-hour gun siege on Sunday.

Three of them are accused of attempted murder and, with the boy aged 13, they are also accused of breaking into a sports and gun shop.

Milk warning

Britain told the European Commission yesterday that it would not pay over its super levy on milk production this autumn unless it was satisfied that the rest of the Community was sticking to the agreement to cut production.

Scargillism and the will to beat NCB on trial

PAUL ROUTLEDGE, Labour Editor, finds that few pitmen disagree with the fight against closures, many are against the way it has been mounted.

The miner's loyalty to his union is legendary, but rarely can it have come under such strain as now, 15 weeks into the longest strike since 1926.

The crisis in the industry is mirrored by crisis within the National Union of Mineworkers, whose leaders now face five separate legal actions from their own members, seeking to outlaw the stoppage under the rule book.

And the most basic, unwritten commandment of the NUM, "Thou shalt not cross a picket line", has broken down in some of the "right-to-work" coalfields as the dispute splits families, households and union branches.

The root cause of the divisions is not so much the objective of the strike – few miners actually *want* pits to close – as the manner in which it has been mounted. With a rule book commitment to democracy that long predates Mr Tom King's trade union Bill, miners feel cheated of their rights when asked or told to join a strike that has not been authorized in a national pithead ballot.

Of course, the motives of those demanding a ballot are not unmixed. Many want a vote so that the strike can be legitimized. Many more, particularly in Nottinghamshire, want a ballot to ensure that the strike can be called off at the earliest opportunity. Some have openly said that they would work on whatever the result of a national ballot.

So why take the risk, the strikers counter, and not even the National Coal Board feels confident enough yet to predict with certainty how the men would vote.

But whatever the motives, the controversy over balloting is bound to have further repercussions within the NUM. The union has been taken to the High Court by members from Lancashire, North Wales, North Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire, and the judges have not been slow to grant orders and injunctions declaring the strike unofficial and forbidding disciplinary action against miners who cross picket lines.

So far, area officials have largely complied with court rulings, but the NUM's national leaders have simply ignored them. And the waters will become even muddier next month when the union's delegate conference meets in private to discuss further rule changes.

One of those changes will be to insert a new disciplinary procedure into the NUM rulebook, drawn up by lawyers and evidently designed to reinforce the central authority of the union over the largely federal structure of areas based on the coalfields.

With some relish, Mr Dennis Skinner, the NUM-sponsored MP, told the Yorkshire miners' rally last weekend: "I have to tell whose people who are clinging on to positions in some areas: your credentials will be taken away."

His words caused something of a stir in senior union circles. For the experience of the past few weeks indicates quite the opposite: where local elections have taken place in moderate areas, the pro-strike branch officals have been swept out and replaced by highly vocal opponents of the dispute.

Pit delegates must now take their places at the Sheffield conference on July 11 and 12, and their position cannot be envied. They are a handful, two handfuls at most, against a big majority endorsing the Scargill line. The conference is bound to be a tense affair but the militants intend to use it as a springboard for futher efforts to make the strike effective.

As they scan the view from their tenth-storey office, the NUM national officials must have mixed feelings. Eighty per cent of their members have responded to the national strike call (less than 70 per cent, the coal board says) but after 100 days they do not seem appreciably nearer their goal of withdrawal of the pit closure programme announced by the NCB chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, on March 6.

There is no present prospect of further talks with the coal board, nor will negotiations get under way unless Mr MacGregor indicates a prior readiness to concede the main point of principle. At one stage in the abortive Rotherham talks last week, the parties actually stared across the table at each other for 10 minutes without speaking.

Yet with the aid of the most sophisticated police operation in the history of British industrial relations, miners who want to defy their union are getting into work. The CEGB is continuing to meet power demand and industry is coping. There is no Heath-style three-day week and no state of emergency.

The steel industry is working on and its unions are defying their partners in the Triple Alliance (now looking more like a *mesalliance*) to use any coal they can get their hands on.

Support from the rail, sea and transport unions is good but patchy, and the TUC is standing aloof because it has been asked to do so.

And so, to a large degree, the NUM is out on its own. That is not surprising. Since Mr Scargill assumed the presidency, the union has trodden a more isolationist path.

That impression has only marginally been corrected by the arrival in April of Mr Peter Heathfield as general secretary. He is generally regarded as a more conciliatory figure than the president, though on the basic policy of "no pit closures", they are at one.

Can Scargill survive? He is unlikely to be affected by public opinion as reflected in the media, and the rule book gives him unbroken office until the year 2002, though it is not clear how far the forthcoming trade union legislation undermines that tenure.

More pertinently, can Scargillism – the politics of confrontation – survive? At present, he relies on a loose coalition of left and centre coalfield "barons" on the executive, and an almost hypnotised following among rank and file activists.

Already the national executive seats of Mr Ray Chadburn and Mr Henry Richardson, president and secretary respectively of the Nottinghamshire NUM, are definitely at risk. They have supported the strike, but if the present mood in the coalfield prevails they will lose their seats in the executive elections next spring, probably to Mr David Prendergast and Mr Ray Lynk, full-time officials who have backed the "right to work" campaign.

The seat of Mr Sid Vincent, the long-serving moderate secretary of the Lancashire miners, is also said to be in danger because of his enthusiastic espousal of the strike in recent weeks.

Superficially, the executive is divided 12-12 between the left and the moderates. But in reality, Mr Scargill has been able to count on a substantial working majority for his policies, which are those of successive annual conferences. And even if some of his supporters do lose their seats, other areas such as the Durham mechanics and the Midlands now seem ripe for a shift towards militancy, so the overall balance is not expected to change radically.

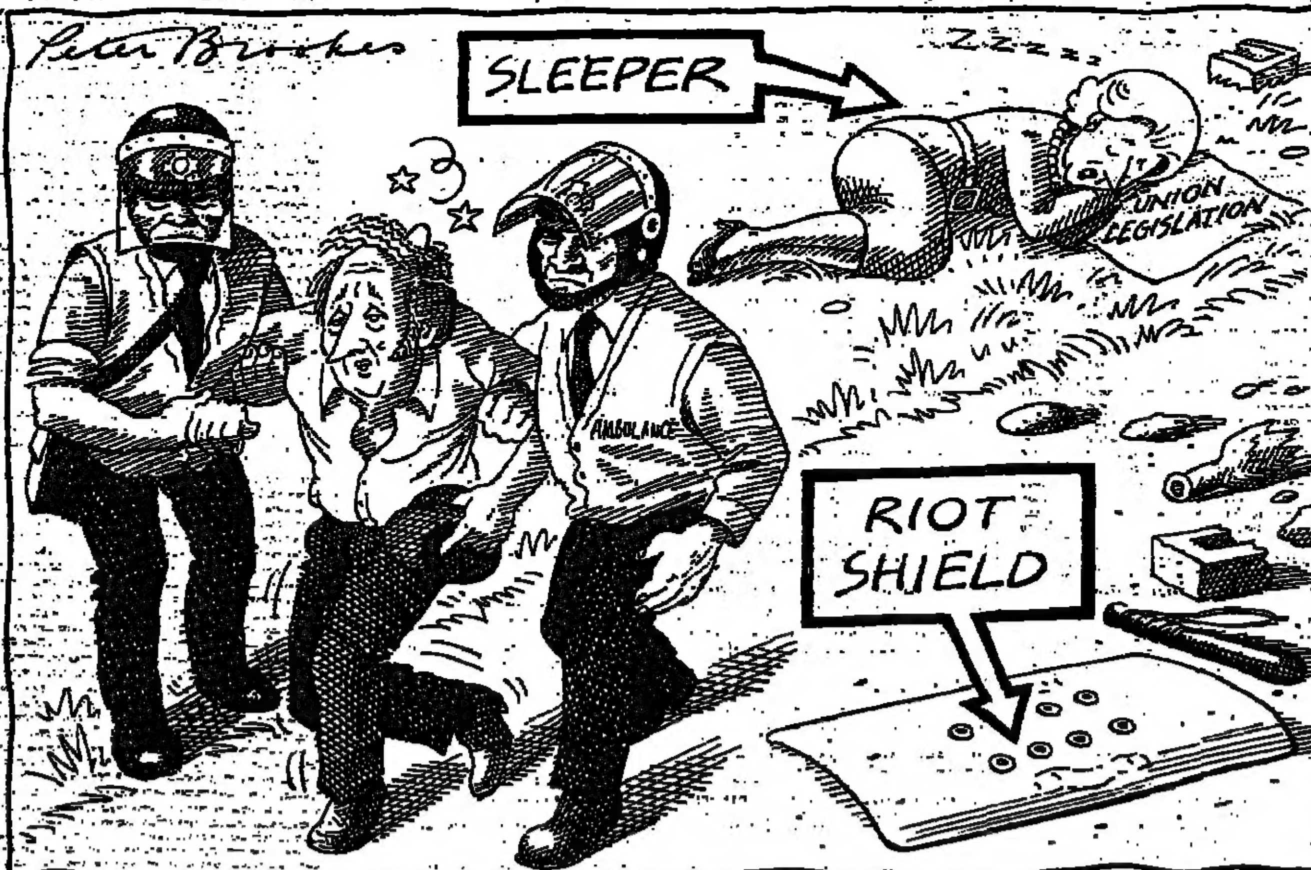
At rank and file level it is too early to tell how things will turn out. The "moderates" very considerable advances in local elections in Nottinghamshire have yet to be tested on a wider scale because most coalfields have followed the advice of the national executive and postponed branch polls until the dispute is over. And even where they have made gains, the abilities of those who have taken office have yet to be tried in the hard school of pit-level bargaining.

Meanwhile, the strike has revitalized interest in the union at branch level, turning it into a welfare state in miniature. Deprived of most social security benefits, the strikers turn to their union for food and sustenance. They get it. And for many of them it is the £2 a day picketing allowance.

Many simply stay at home; but in their thousands, particularly the young miners, they have been challenging the civil law to go secondary picketing. Their first-hand experience on the picket lines and on the strike committees is regarded by the left as more influential than a thousand NUM summer schools or seminars on the theory of trade union practice.

Ironically, the dispute that some politicians hoped would break the power of the NUM has actually created new cadres for the future.

Tomorrow: The police



Miner sways steelmen to consider curbs

From Our Labour, Editor, Scarborough

Leaders of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation are to consider a pact on limiting steel output after listening to a striking pitman from Orgreave picket line.

The executive of the steel union is to meet in Scarborough tomorrow to discuss the threat to the steelworks posed by the National Union of Mineworkers' attempted blockade of coke and coal supplies.

So far, the steel union has been reluctant to accede to the mineworkers' demand to curtail output at the British Steel Corporation's five integrated works.

But delegates to the steel union's conference gave a standing ovation yesterday to a pit striker who appealed for "moral, financial and physical support".

Mr William Sirs, the union's general secretary, said that the steelworkers wanted to give the miners every possible support. "But no one must damage our industry irreparably", he insisted.

Mr Sirs has urged British Steel not to invoke the employment legislation against mineworkers who are seeking to cut supplies of coke and coal to Port Talbot, Llanwern, Scunthorpe, Redcar, and Ravenscraig unless there is a national deal between the two unions to supply enough fuel only to ensure that the blast furnaces do not collapse.

Mr Sirs told the conference that the union agreed with the energy policy of the miners. He also castigated the Cabinet for refusing to intervene. "Surely somebody from the Government should say 'Enough is enough'. Let's look at the miners' case."

Backing for pensions linked with prices

Evidence that the country may well be able to afford the state pension scheme into the next century emerges from a background paper published yesterday to go with the government's pensions inquiry.

But state pensions will be more easily paid for if the basic pension is linked to prices rather than earning, the figures suggest.

Even then, the pension element if national insurance contributions will rise by a sixth to 14.7 per cent of earnings, a figure that will be still higher if unemployment does not fall to about 6 per cent.

Such a policy would see an increase in pensioners' income of about 80 per cent in real terms by the year 2025, keeping pace with the rest of the population, but not improving their relative position.

Linking the basic pension to earnings the link the Conservatives broke in 1981, would produce as relative improvement in their living standards, but at the expense of the working population.

By 2025, that policy would produce a 110 per cent increase in real terms for pensioners, but only a 75 per cent increase for the rest who would be faced with a steep rise in national insurance contributions to pay the enhanced pensions to the growing number of old people.

On the assumptions in the report, linking the basic pension to earnings would increase the pension element of national insurance contributions by almost 60 per cent to 19.9 per cent of earnings. National insurance contributions for benefits other than pensions would be added to that: another 3.4 per cent this year.

The background paper, prepared by the Government Actuary and published by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, takes a range of assumptions, some of which will be questioned.

The central assumptions on which the figures are based include an increase of 1.5 per cent in real earnings a year, but a fall in unemployment from the present 13 per cent to 6 per cent.

What the paper does suggest is that the pensions "time bomb" is not set to explode for at least another 20 years. The ratio of adults paying national insurance contributions to the number of pensioners does not decline significantly until about 2010.

An accompanying paper tries to calculate what pensioners' actual disposable income will be compared to non-pensioners, after benefits but less tax and pension contributions. It points to a steep increase in the number of pensioners owning their homes if present policies continue, up from 48 per cent in 1981 to 70 per cent by 2016. That will reduce demand for housing benefit.

The number of pensioners on supplementary benefit will also decline from 1,750,000 now to about 250,000 by 2025, but only if supplementary benefit is pegged to prices

Implicit behind that seems to be a wider variation that at present in how well off pensioners will be. Those who have failed to earn enough national insurance contributions to acquire an earnings-related state pension, or an occupational pension, would still have the same buying power they have today.

But their relative position compared to pensioners with a full working life and occupational pension benefits will be significanty worse.

Population, Pension costs, and Pensioners' Incomes (Stationery Office, £3.25)

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National Insurance pension contributions as percentage of relevant earnings

Year	With basic pension linked to prices	With basic pension linked to earnings
1984-85	12.5 (10.0)	12.5 (10.0)
1995-96	11.9 (9.1)	13.3 (10.5)
2005-06	11.9 (7.9)	14.3 (10.3)
2015-16	13.3 (7.6)	17.0 (11.3)
2025-26	14.7 (7.4)	19.9 (12.6)

Figures in brackets are the share taken by the basic state pension; the remainder is contributions to the earnings-related scheme which takes full effect from 1998. NI contributions for other benefits add about another 4 per cent.

Mansion House Square project 'misconceived'

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Sir James Richards, a founder member of the Victorian Society and architecture correspondent of *The Times* for more than 20 years, gave evidence at Guildhall, London, yesterday against the proposed Mansion House Square development in the City.

He described the square as "misconceived", although if the proposed 21-storey, 290ft glass and steel tower were built elsewhere it might be acceptable.

He told the inquiry, in its seventh week: "I regard it as an elegant and apposite design of better standard architecturally than most of the office buildings constructed in the City in recent years".

He objected to the square because it did not fit in with the City's traditional layout, if built it would be too small

Westminster welcome: Mr Michael Hancock, the SDP-Alliance victor in last week's by-election at Portsmouth, South, flanked by Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, and Mrs Shirley Williams, SDP president, before taking his Commons seat yesterday (Photograph: John Voos).

Paisley victory casts shadow

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Northern Ireland's European election results have severely limited the Government's room for manoeuvre.

The Northern Ireland Office and the Official Unionists were taken aback by the size of the Rev Ian Paisley's victory. His 230,000 first preference votes represent the largest mandate received in Europe.

While the Social Democratic and Labour Party increased its share of the poll compared with the general election, the threat from Provisional Sinn Fein, though checked, remains a significant factor in government thinking.

But it is Mr Paisley's vote and the poor showing of the Official Unionists, with 147 first preference votes, which casts a long shadow over any idea of responding to the New Ireland Forum report.

Mr Paisley has been handsomely rewarded by the "loyalist" population for his uncompromising opposition to the forum.

He is in a formidable position, having staked a claim to lead the province's Unionists, to frustrate any attempt to give Dublin ann input into the North's affairs.

Mr Paisly has single-handedly reversed the Democratic Unioists' recent decline at the expense of the Official Unionists.

Mr John Hume pushed the SDLP's share of the vote up 4 per cent compared with the general election as many Roman Catholics deserted the Alliance Party to help to defeat the Provisional IRA's political wing.

Mr Hume was elected yesterday on the fourth count. He secured 183,256 votes, compared with Mr Morrison's 93,079. Sinn Fein was 60,000 first preference votes behind.

● In the Irish Republic, the Labour Party has lost its four seats. Fianna Fail has six seats, Fine Gael five and an independent one. A recount was being held in Connacht Ulster yesterday.

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NORTHERN IRELAND

	1984	(1979)
Electorate		(1,029,490)
Votes cast		(572,239)
Turnout		(55.6%)
Seats	3	(3)

	1984 Seats	(1979) Seats	1984 %	(1979) %
Alliance		(–)		(6.81)
Dem U (Ind)		(1)		(29.8)
Independent		(–)		(5.93)
Liberal		(–)		(0.16)
Off Ulster Unionists (ED)		(1)		(21.9)
Repub Clubs		(–)		(0.77)
SDLP (Soc)		(–)		(24.6)
UCC		(–)		(1.06)
United Labour		(–)		(1.06)
UPNI		(–)		(6.67)
Ulster Unionist		(–)		(6.67)

SDLP: Social Democratic Labour Party
UCC: United Communist Campaign
UPNI: Unionist Party of Northern Ireland

Embassies pickets face curb

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The right of police to use the Vienna Convention to restrict demonstrations outside foreign embassies is to be challenged in a test case at Bow Street magistrates' court next month.

The move comes after the arrest last week of 29 anti-apartheid protesters outside the South African embassy for obstructing the police.

Articles 22 and 29 of the Vienna Convention and the Diplomatic Privileges Act, 1964, place on the police a duty to ensure the "dignity and security" of diplomatic premises.

Mr Patrick O'Connor, counsel for the demonstrators, said after yesterday's hearing was adjourned that if police continued to make arrests on the basis of article 22 "It means it will no longer be possible to picket any embassy".

In a recent debate in the Commons after the closure of the Libyan's People's Bureau, Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, questioned whether there should be any change in the law to make it impossible for, for instance, Russian dissidents to demonstrate outside the Soviet embassy.

Teachers' strike closes hundreds of schools

By Richard Garner

Hundreds of schools closed yesterday because of teachers' strikes in support of their pay claim going to arbitration.

Leaders of the National Union of Teachers estimated that most of the 542 schools where they are striking for three days closed.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers also took action in 11 areas, including a half-day strike in London.

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US court clears way for deportation of IRA man

From a Staff Reporter Belfast

A member of the Provisional IRA is facing deportation from the United States where he fled six years ago after escaping from a Dublin court as bombs exploded. He may arrive in the Irish Republic tomorrow.

Michael O'Rourke, aged 32, faces immediate arrest and return to the prison where he was serving a six-year sentence on firearms and explosives charges when he escaped.

The United States Supreme Court has upheld the ruling of a lower court that O'Rourke should be deported after being arrested by immigration officials and held for almost four years. He fled with four others from the special criminal court in Dublin in July 1976

Since his arrest by immigration officials lawyers have argued that he should be granted political asylum because the offences for which he was convicted in the republic were political crimes.

Sale room

German marquetry desk fetches £121,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A German floral marquetry desk or *secrétaire*, attributed to Abraham Roentgen, which had nestled, admired but not valued, in a Devon country house for the past one hundred years, was sold at Phillips in London yesterday for £121,000 (estimate over £100,000).

The *secrétaire* is of elegant *bombé* outline and a fall front is hinged to provide a writing surface, thus revealing a plethora of little drawers and pigeonholes.

The final battle for possession yesterday was fought between a leading Swiss dealer, Edgar Mannheimer of Zurich, and a provisional German dealer not previously seen at Phillips, Otto von Mitzlaf from Wachtersbach, near Frankfurt. The latter emerged the victor and said after words that he had bought the piece for his own stock, – not on commission for a collector.

Giuseppe Eskenazi, the London dealer who specializes in Chinese works of art, was also buying for stock on a majestic scale down the road at Sotheby's, where a collection of archaic bronze vessels formed in Germany before the Second World War was offered for sale.

An archaic bronze has fetched £100,000 only three times during the last ten years. Yesterday, Eskenazi bid over £100,000 on four vases and set a new auction price record when he paid £181,500 (estimate £30,000 to £40,000) for an inlaid bronze box and cover *fangyi*, which Sotheby's had dated to the eleventh to tenth century B.C.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Millionaire's cousin killed and beheaded wife 'after sexual taunts'

By John Witherow

Michael Telling, a second cousin of Lord Vestey, the multi-millionaire, shot his wife and hid her body in his sauna for five months before decapitating and dumping the corpse at a Devon beauty spot.

Exeter Crown Court was told yesterday that Mr Telling, aged 34, had confessed to murdering his American wife, Monika Zumsteg-Telling, last year because she belittled his sexual efforts and had affairs with men and women. She was also an alcoholic who took drugs.

He told the police that she kept taunting him and on March 29 he shot her three times in the throat and chest with a Marlin 30-30 rifle in the sitting room of their house near High Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire.

He said in a statement: "I then kissed her and said I was sorry. But I knew she was dead". He left the body for two days before carrying it to a bedroom. "I went to look at her every day and kissed her often".

After several days, Mr Telling dragged the body to a summer house converted into a sauna, where it remained for five months. Last September he hired a van and went to Devon where he cut off her head with an axe on Telegraph Hill, outside Exeter.

The corpse was identified



Michael Telling: Confessed to shooting his wife.

when a neighbour of his told the police that he had confessed about the murder, adding: "She's in the sauna. It's stinking".

He took his wife's head home and hid it in his Mini in the garage. It was discovered wrapped in plastic.

Mr Telling, a small, balding man, appeared impassive in court in a dark pinstriped suit. He has pleaded not guilty to murder but guilty to manslaughter by reason of diminished responsibility.

The court heard that soon after dumping the body he told his neighbour, Mrs Priscilla Richardson, that he had killed his wife, a Californian blonde, aged 26, whom he married in 1981.

Mrs Richardson alerted the police and he confessed, telling them he had disposed of the rifle in bits in a river or on a rubbish dump.

Asked why he had killed her he replied: "There were 101 reasons. I can't really explain. She kept pushing me. I just snapped in the end. She was horrible in many ways".

Later he said that it was "a stormy marriage with frequent violent rows. But he always made it up. I loved her. I soon found out she was an alcoholic. She went to Alcoholics Anonymous and took drugs, including cocaine, heroine and marijuana. She was growing a cannabis plant in the house, which I destroyed.

"She told me she had slept with other men since our marriage and that she was a lesbian". He aded: "She taunted me, belittling my sexual efforts and said I was only good for money".

Mr Telling, who went to a school for maladjusted children after his parents divorced, said that his wife taunted him about his history, saying he should be locked in an asylum.

Mr Justice Sheldon was told by Mr Alan Rawley, QC, for the prosecution, that after the murder Mr Telling "showed considerable cunning" in covering it up.

Asked after his arrest why he had cut off the head, Mr Telling said: "I did not want her identified because of my family. Even when she died I wanted her to be with me".

Mrs Richardson told the jury that on one occasion Monika Zumsteg-Telling, who carried a gun and a vibrator in her handbag, made a lesbian approach which she had rejected. Mrs Zumsteg-Telling had boasted to her that she had taken girlfriends to their home, Lambourne House, when she knew that her husband was in the building.

Mrs Richardson said: "She liked to make Michael look stupid, all the time". She enjoyed humiliating him. She taunted him and compared his sexual behaviour poorly with other men. It was sad to look at him because he was almost in tears.

"He worshipped the ground Monika walked on but she showed no affection. She said she would only stay with him for two years to get money out of him".

"He secretly had to visit his son from his first marriage because she disapproved and said the boy was horrible and that she hated him".

The hearing continues today.

Monika Telling: Decapitated head found in garage.

How to win in the air fares war

By Patricia Clough

Two new air fare guides, showing how to save up to 70 per cent on tickets, have been published.

Each guide gives details of cheap fares to many destinations and information on the "bucket shops" in London and the provinces.

They both aim to replace the hit-and-miss system of newspaper cuttings and tips from friends-of-friends used by the million Britons who buy tickets from bucket shops each year.

A-Z Discount Air Fares – How and Where to Buy Discounted Air Tickets, published yesterday by Mr Riaz Dooley, the self-styled "King of the Bucket Shops" and his partner, Mr Terry Michael, offers 361 destinations from Aarhus to Zurich.

The bucket shops mentioned in the guide have paid to be included. The guide also gives readers information and advice about the cut-price travel scene.

The guide, to be sold for £1.99 at bookshops or for £2.50 by post, will be updated every three months, Mr Dooley says.

The other guide is *Discount Traveller*, a monthly magazine and offshoot of *Business Traveller*, and will be available at newsagents. Subtitled the "unique worldwide cost-cutting air fares guide" it gives similar listings for 244 destinations.

Discount Traveller says a traveller bound for Rio de Janeiro "will" find that the official first class return rate is £2,172, and the official economy rate between £650-£1,536, but that cut-price tickets are available for £505. The *A-Z* gives a cut price rate of £510.

The savings on long-haul flights are more spectacular. According to *A-Z* the official return for London to Singapore is £1,654, while the cut price rate is £395.

A-Z Discount Air Fares (Terry Michael Publications, 221 Westbourne Park Road, London NW11 1EA).



Modern Bo Peep: Miss Donna Bailey, aged 21, and her sheepdogs, Scot and Judy, at work in the Boddington estate near Cheltenham yesterday. She is in charge of 800 sheep (Photograph Dod Miller)

Builders' guarantee to beat 'cowboys'

A builders' guarantee to protect customers from shoddy work by cut-price "cowboy" operators was approved yesterday by the Restrictive Practices Court.

The court discharged Orders made against the 10,000-member Building Employers Confederation impeding the scheme's introduction.

For a charge of 1 per cent of a contract's value the confederation will guarantee that unsatisfactory work costing between £500 and £25,000 will be completed or remedied. The minimum charge will be £20.

The scheme, which the confederation hopes to launch in the autumn, would also provide protection if a builder goes out of before or after work is completed.

All members would be bound to carry out work covered by the guarantee desired by a customer.

Arrest was illegal but breath test fine stands

Police trespassed in a man's home and wrongly arrested him, but the positive breath test subsequently obtained at a police station was still legal, two High Court judges ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Mann, sitting with Lord Justice Robert Goff in the Queen's Bench divisional court, said the police had no right to go into the home of Mr Leslie Fox, at Penrhos, near Raglan, South Wales, after he crashed his car in May 1983. The only reason for entering without consent was if they had reason to believe anybody was injured in the crash and they had no such reason.

The police went to his home in an attempt to breath-test him. When he refused they arrested him. Although the arrest was illegal a positive breath rest taken later at the police station, and subsequent driving ban, must stand, the judges ruled.

They allowed the appeal by Mr Fox against a £70 fine by Gwent magistrates in July 1983 for refusing a breath test specimen at his home. But they rejected his appeal against a £125 fine and 12 months' disqualification for driving with excess alcohol in his blood.

Mr Fox plans to appeal to the House of Lords.

New doubts raised on Intoximeter

● A new defect in the Lion Intoximeter breath-testing machine, has been alleged by Mr A. H. Parsons, an analytical chemist with G. C. Laboraties, Bedfordshire. He has found that the harder a motorist blows into the machine, the more likely it is to "abort" or fail to register a sample.

Professor Vincent Marks, professor of clinical biochemistry at Surrey University, is also concerned that methane, produced in the bowel in a third fo the population, would interfere with the machine and its reading.

Fungicide sprayed on village

The police are investigating an incident in which a crop-spraying aircraft showered homes and a children's play area with chemicals yesterday. The fungicide, meant for farm fields, missed its target and fell over the village of Blackhall, co Durham.

Seven adults and two children were treated at Hartlepool General Hospital for skin rashes, headaches, sore throats, and irritated eyes.

Chicken finds greater favour

Chicken is now within 1 per cent of overtaking beef as Britain's most popular meat, according to the British Chicken Information Service.

Last year Britons ate an average of 15 lb of chicken each, 5 lb more than the average consumption of either lamb or pork. Chicken's main attraction for shoppers appears to be its comparative cheapness.

Paternity ruling

David Pearce, aged 24, the British heavyweight boxing champion, from Newport, Gwent, was adjudged by the town's magistrates yesterday to be the father of Miss Christine Powell's son David, who was born in December, 1978. Miss Powell, aged 24, from Newport, was his fiancée.

Video jackpot

Edward Hill, aged 16, a school boy, of Bartlemy Road, Newbury, Berkshire, who devised a home computer video game called Robotron, yesterday sold the program for £3,000 to Atari.

Savile ads end

British Rail is to drop its "Age of the Train" advertising series featuring Jimmy Savile, who is believed to have earned £500,000 from the campaign during the past five years.

School group urges £25 pupil grants

By Colin Hughes

A plan to pay a £25 grant to less well-off school pupils, enabling them to continue their education beyond the age of 16 was proposed yesterday by the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations.

The parents' lobbying group has shelved proposals for a controversial blanket "education maintenance allowance" payable to all pupils over the age of 16, because the Government has said that no new money will be made available for the proposal.

As a result, the confederation published new recommendations for a "costless" system yesterday, based on a survey of 150 head teachers. The proposal would enable up to 20,000 of the least privileged pupils to stay at school instead of leaving to look for a job.

The group estimates that many of the 20,000 children who leave school each year at the age of 16 do so because they are under pressure to contribute to family earnings.

The group proposes paying a maximum allowance of £25, equivalent to the pay received on a youth training scheme, to children of families who receive supplementary benefit.

Earn or Learn. A Case of Unwitting Deprivation by the State. (NCP-TA 16-19 Working Party, 43, Stonebridge Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent.

Engineers' plea for more funds

The Government has been asked to give the University Grants Committee a specific budget for the training and education of professional graduate engineers with a strict proviso that it must not divert that cash into other academic disciplines.

The Engineering Council, the watchdog of the engineering profession, has told the Government that it must do something to prevent a repetition of the last few years when technology and engineering courses suffered educational cutbacks almost as severe as those for the non-technical disciplines.

I am not a violent person, Dennis Nilsen tells court

Dennis Nilsen said yesterday that he was not a violent man and could not understand why he killed 15 people.

He was giving evidence at Knightsbridge Crown Court on the second day of the trial of Albert Moffat, a prisoner at Wormwood Scrubs, in west London, who is accused of slashing Nilsen's face with a razor, causing a wound that needed 89 stitches.

Moffat, aged 21, has denied malicious wounding and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm last December.

Nilsen, aged 39, told the court: "By nature I am not a violent person. You can look at my school reports, Army and police service and nine years in the Civil Service and you'll find not one record of violence against me."

Questioned by a lawyer as to why he murdered people he replied: "Yes. It is a great enigma. These things were out of character. I killed people over a period of five years and it got worse."

He denied that he taunted prisoners about his crimes. "I've never gloried in their publicity, never given interviews to the press, not received any money for anything."

He denied attacking Moffat first. "Since I have been in prison I have felt no irresistible urge to kill someone else."

The hearing continues today.

Lead-free petrol delay criticized

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Britain should press its EEC partners to speed plans to introduce lead-free petrol in European countries, and a delay of more than four ears was unacceptable, an environmental pressure group said yesterday.

Mr Des Wilson, chairman of the Campaign for Lead-free Air (Clear), said the Government had decided it was prudent to remove lead from petrol, but EEC Commission regulations would not become effective until 198 and 1991.

"If it is prudent in 1984, then the parents of children at risk from lead poisoning will want to know why they have to wait until 1991," he said.

A meeting of the Council of Environment Ministers, including Mr Eillion Waldegrave of Britain's ministers, will meet in Brussels on June 28, when deciisions will be taken about lead-free petrol enforcement in EEC countries.

Member states are not free to legislate individually on the issue, but that restriction is likely to be lifted on January 1, 1986.

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Surrender to mob rule graver than strike

COAL DISPUTE

Giving into mob rule would be the end of liberty and democracy, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, declared in the Commons when she and Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, clashed over the violent scenes of picketing outside Orgreave coking plant near Sheffield the previous day. The law must and would continue to be upheld, she said.

Mr Kinnock argued that an effective and helpful intervention by Mrs Thatcher in the coal dispute, rather than political posturing over it, would not be giving into mob rule. Challenged by the Prime Minister, he said he had repeatedly condemned without reservation violence by any and all parties in industrial disputes.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, in a statement said he did not believe there was need for major changes in the law relating to public order although this was a matter the Government had under review.

In beginning questions to the Prime Minister, Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) said: The vast majority of the British people, never mind their political persuasion are deeply shocked at the ugly scenes of violence on the picket line at Orgreave.

This is not representative of the true traditions of British trade union lawful picketing but is the rule of the mob. Will she take the opportunity of praising the British police for their courage, dedication and discipline in combating a very difficult situation indeed?

Mrs Thatcher: The scenes at Orgreave yesterday have nothing to do with peaceful picketing either under the law or the rules laid down several years ago by the TUC, and however serious this strike, and it is serious, the consequences of giving into mob rule would be far graver. Thanks to the courage of the police, yesterday's attempt failed.

Mr Kinnock: Does the Prime Minister realise that if she were to make an effective and helpful intervention in this dispute, she would not be giving into mob rule or anything like that: she would be fulfilling the responsibilities she has as Prime Minister?

Her absolutism, as Mr Francis Pym might put it, has brought us Britain's first £1,000m industrial dispute and it has brought violent conflict on a scale that is virtually unknown in this country, certainly for the last 50 years or more. Why does she want this chaos, conflict and cost to go on rising?

Mrs Thatcher: I would have expected him forthrightly and unequivocally to condemn the scenes outside Orgreave works yesterday. He made no attempt at all to condemn that.

He knows full well that what we saw there was not peaceful picketing: it was mob violence and intimidation. I am astonished he should suggest because one faction of the NUM should adopt those disgraceful tactics they should be given what they want.

If we were to do that we would lose in two ways. We would be asking the National Coal Board to adopt a policy which would destroy the prospects of an efficient industry and, second, we would be accepting that violence and intimidation were an acceptable part of industrial relations.

I challenge Mr Kinnock: will he condemn those scenes of violence?

Mr Kinnock: That is no challenge at all. I have repeatedly, in spite of the Prime Minister's continual faction, condemned without reservation the use of violence by any and all parties in an industrial dispute.

I appeal for the fourth or fifth time in the last 15 weeks to the Prime Minister to concentrate on the real issues and stop trying to treat this dispute like a political football.

Since she asks about the NCB, does she appreciate there is still a strong basis for a negotiated settlement, and that the NCB and its leadership have made agreement on two vital areas of the future of the coal mining industry?

I am asking her now to stop being preoccupied with the horrific but nevertheless indirect consequences of this strike, and concentrate on the source of the strike itself, the future of the coal mining industry, and use her influence just for once in order to sponsor a speedy settlement for this dispute, to get the parties back to the negotiating table.

If she extended a fraction of the energy on trying to promote a settlement that she gives to political posturing we would have ended the strike by now.

Mrs Thatcher: I note Mr Kinnock refers to mob rule as political posturing. I can only say to him whatever government was answering from this dispatch box, if they give in to mob rule that would be the end of liberty and democracy.

I remind him that at present there are 43 pits working normally and 12 partially in a number of NCB areas. In other words, some 50,000 miners are working. I note he is against those miners who are working.

The Government has carried out its task in seeing that the law is upheld, that there is an abundant supply of money for investment in profitable pits and those taking voluntary redundancy have an excellent deal.

I hope one day he will urge people to obey the rules of the TUC on peaceful picketing and have some regard to the 50,000 miners who are at work.

Mr Kinnock: That was not an answer. It was a recitation in arrogant complacency... (Loud Conservative interruptions).

Mrs Thatcher: He is shouting and posturing. He is more accustomed to it than I am. We have seen violence which he has not unequivocally... (Loud interruptions).

Mr Anthony Favell (Stockport, C): If there was conflict between the police and miners yesterday that was precisely what those masterminding this strike have intended right from the outset. (Labour protests).

The perpetrators of this strike have shown no respect for democracy either inside their union or out of it. They have never ceased to take opportunity to urge people to have the utmost disregard for the police. Young policemen have endured bricks and spit.

Mrs Thatcher: These violent tactics have been used to try and impose the will of one faction of the NUM on the rest. They have tried to use these tactics to destroy the steel industry. They have failed.

They have tried to use these tactics to destroy the power stations.

Favell: Conflict was intended from outset

They have failed. They have tried to use these tactics to destroy those who still go to work in the many, many pits around the country. They have failed.

Lorries are getting through, coal is getting through. I hope this will continue and that the overwhelming majority of workers in this country will join all people of good will to see that mob violence does not prevail.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: Why does not Mrs Thatcher remind the country that the civil law is there to be used against secondary picketing?

Why does not Mrs Thatcher give some encouragement to those miners that abhor their leaders' tactics by persuading the Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Peter Walker, to call both sides together under his chairmanship to see if a way forward can be found rather than leaving this as though it is a private television battle between Mr MacGregor and Mr Scargill?

Mrs Thatcher: The facts are well known. This Government has given a better deal to the mining industry than any previous government.

With regard to the civil law, it is up to those who are aggrieved to go to the courts if they choose. That is a matter for them and not the Government.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C): Since it must be clear that these unlawful assemblies are neither spontaneous or uncoordinated, how long is it likely to be before the police have sufficient evidence to bring criminal charges against those responsible for controlling and directing these riotous mobs?

Mrs Thatcher: There have been a number of arrests at all of the violent pickets. I do not know whether the police will have sufficient evidence to bring the kind of charge to which Mr Onslow refers.

Joseph firm on no more cash for teachers

EDUCATION

No more money would be made available by the Government to local authorities for teachers' pay, whatever arbitration award might be made, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during Commons questions.

There was a limit, he said, to the amount of money which could be given without eroding other parts of the education service or other local authority services and so the Government opposed arbitration.

The idea that any group should return to the pay levels of its best year, or that pay could be settled by equality for all, was a recipe for endless leapfrogging, an inflationary spiral and more unemployment.

There was no justification for the teachers' original industrial action, its continuance or intensification. It had been immensely damaging to children's education.

Sir Keith Joseph said: I very much regret the continued damage and disruption to pupils' education being caused by the teachers' strikes.

At the request of the management panel, a meeting of the Burnham Primary and Secondary committee is to be held on Friday to seek agreement on terms under which the school teacher's pay dispute might be referred to arbitration.

Throughout this pay round the Government's position has been that there can be no question of additional resources being made available to local authorities. No reference to arbitration or an arbitrator's award will change that position.

Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove, C): Does he share my three regrets that the teachers, unlike their Scottish colleagues, did not accept the 4.5 per cent; that any additional money they succeed in extracting can only be at the cost of jobs and services; and those who have taken this so-called industrial action have shown just how far they are from being a profession?

Sir Keith Joseph: Yes, I do agree with all his regrets. I do not see what justification there was for the original action.

Sir David Price (Eastleigh, C): There are two quite distinct problems involved. One is the general level of salaries and the other is the pay structure. In respect of the latter, do I take it that the arbitrators will be able to offer advice on that as well as on the general level of the pay settlement?

Sir Keith Joseph: No, that is not be taken for granted. The terms of reference for the arbitrator still remain to be agreed between the two sides on the Burnham committee.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab): Although the Government in theory supports strike action in a democracy, the only ones they have ever supported have been in Poland.

Teachers, who had their Houghton pay award of 30 per cent from the Labour government in 1974, have had that totally eroded. They are a group of the best behaved people in the country in terms of action and I think they should have taken action long ago.

This remorseless Government is now causing more stikes throughout the country by its intransigence and it is about time the Government paid the teachers their due and went to arbitration.

Sir Keith Joseph: It is one thing to recognize, as the Government does, that people in a free soicety cannot be forced to work against their will and thus to recognize strikes will occur from time to time within the law. It is quite another thing to support individual strikes, as he suggests.

As for the idea that each group should return to its best year, as he suggests is right for teachers, that would be a recipe for endless leapfrogging, an inflationary spiral and more and more unemployment.

Mr David Madel (South West Bedfordshire, C): In the recent HMI report on local authority expenditure, it was pointed out that better management of resources and a more coherent curriculum would improve teachers' pay and status. Should not all those in the profession work towards that and abandon industrial action?

Sir Keith Joseph: I agree there was certainly evidence in the report that the management of resources by local education authorities, and indeed the quality of teaching itself, could substantially improve the effectiveness of education and the use of the vast sums of public money devoted to it.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L): If it was right for the Government to urge the railwaymen and the water workers to go to arbitration, why is arbitration not right in this dispute?

Sir Keith Joseph: There is, in the teachers' world, a limit to the amount of money available without eroding other parts of the education service or other parts of local authority services or the ratepayers themselves. That is why the Government has steadfastly maintained throughout the dispute that arbitration is not the right answer.

Mr James Pawsey (Rugby and Kenilworth, C): Will he confirm that since 1979 teachers' salaries have been ahead of inflation, at about 71 per cent as opposed to the 69 per cent of RPI, and will he also confirm that the average teacher's salary has in fact doubled since 1978?

Sir Keith Joseph: without accepting his precise figures, I can accept that his general thesis, that teachers' pay has improved slightly in real terms since 1979 is valid.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab): His refusal to pay any possible arbitration award has two consequences. The first it to discredit the whole arbitration system and the second is damage the teaching profession by driving out some very able people and discouraging able people from entering.

Sir Keith Joseph: I do not accept either thesis. It seems to me arbitrators will need to take into account the fact that there is no more money from the Government for local authorities.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C): Strikes are bringing huge damage to children and their education, whether in examination classes or not, and would he not agree that it is most desirable – indeed essential – that teachers should move towards a no-strike agreement in future?

Sir Keith Joseph: I certainly agree that the teachers' deliberate action to disrupt schooling is immensely damaging to the children.

I am not prepared to agree to the second point as that would be a question for negotiation between the two sides if it were put on the agenda.

Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central, Lab): Does he realize that in Leeds, the city we both represent, 30,000 children yesterday had their education disrupted because of this industrial dispute?

Flannery: Government is causing more strikes

Given that the Secretary of State is effectively saying no to arbitration, could he give us an indication of how he intends to resolve this dispute and make sure that the children of Leeds get the education they deserve?

Sir Keith Joseph: I do not accept that any blame for the disruption of children's education in Leeds or anywhere else falls on the Government. It is entirely the responsibility of the teachers.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on eduction (Durham, North, Lab): Does the Secretary of State understand that if he had supported the decision to go to arbitration at the beginning of April then all the disruption of the last eight weeks would have been avoided?

Is not the truth that his handling of the teachers' dispute has been insensitive, bumbling and highly damaging to the education of our children?

Sir Keith Joseph: His rhetoric, which I hope he does not really believe, cannot hide the fact that the teachers have chosen deliberately to damage the education and schooling of children.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) later asked: Why should a teacher settle for anything less than a policeman? Is a teacher's contribution to society any less or any more?

Sir Keith Joseph: Or, for that matter, the pay of anyone else? The idea that pay can be settled in a free society by some equality for all or some vision of social justice is a recipe for endless leapfrogging, for an inflationary spiral and increase in unemployment.

Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C): Would he discuss with the teacher unions the possibility that they might wish to depart from their age-old preoccupation with every teacher being on the same grade getting the same pay and consider paying teachers on merit?

Sir Keith Joseph: He is right. And the teachers' unions seem to think the same because, despite the dispute, they have honourably continued to negotiate for just such a possibility of structural change in teachers' pay.

Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, asked the Government, at Friday's meeting, to support the employers' decision to go to arbitration.

He says there is no money (he continued) but what about unallocated local government money and the contingency fund?

Sir Keith Joseph: Mr Radice does not really expect me to reveal what the Government's instructions to its representatives on Burnham will be.

There are many claims on the contingency reserve.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Roads (Scotland) Bill, progress on remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Debates on the arts: adult education; and on the New Ireland Forum.

Brittan: Public sickened by picket violence

Nothing that the Prime Minister had stated could conceivably be said to bear the interpretation that she was calling on the police to enforcet the civil law, Mr Leon Brittan, The Home Secretary, said during exchanges whiich followed his report on the scenes at Orgreave.

He made this in response to a private notice question by Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, who said the public mood was one of increasing frustration and fed-upness at see night after night the police force subjected to violence and battering.

It is not surprising (Dr Owen continued) that last night under great provocation some acted a way which might need to be inquired into and might require disiplinary proceedings.

Should the police be used in this way, particularly outside a coke plant where there is secondary action and, no question of the civil law preventing mass picketing. The TUC code of conduct should be enforced on picketing why does the Home Secretary not take action?

The Government has decided it does not want BR or BSC to invoke the civil law. It is time it took a view and stopped the secondary picket outside the coke plant tomorrow.

Mr Brittan: The public, seeing the pressure the police are put under by criminal acts, is bound to feel sickened that that should happen in our country today and is bound to express strong support for the police in their response to that violence. If those responsible for determining whether civil action should be taken, bodies public or private affected by what is going on, wish to resort to the civil courts, the Government seeks not in any way to stand in their way.

Sir Edward Gardner (Fylde, C): The only law that is likely to deter people who are out to commit acts of violence of the kind we saw yesterday, is the criminal law. That is the law which must be made now to deal with what happened yesterday.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs: The police have been pitchforked against their will into an intolerable situation which the nation is sick at heart to witness. As Mr Tony Clement, Asst. Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, complained, the police could become the jam in a sandwich.

The Prime Minister has admitted that the Government is using the police to enforce the civil law. (Conservative protests). She should have the humility to ask herself why, under her premiership, the nation should have been forced to witness scenes unprecedented in an industrial dispute.

It has cost the taxpayer £1,000m. The Prime Minister's face is not worth that amount, nor is it worth the confrontation her intrasigence has deliberately engendered and manipulated. She should stop exploiting the police as scapegoats.

The public expect her to accept her responsibility and recognize the strength and validity of the miners' case and bring the parties together to end the dispute.

Rees: Britain could be on same road as Ulster

Mr Brittan: That is a characteristic farrago of distortions. The police task is to enforce the rule of law, prevent crime and deal with it when it arises. Their position is difficult and invidious and they deserve the sympathy of the House rather than Mr Kaufman's crocodile tears.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C): What the police most resent is not the sticks, stones and bottles thrown at them on the picket line but the verbal stabs in the back they are receiving from some MPs. Will he repudiate the notion that the police are somehow involved in political or para-military policing when all they seek to do is to uphold the law of Parliament?

Will he tell the Leader of the Opposition that there is no equivalence between the notion that illegal force used to stop men going to work if they wish is virtually the same thing as the use by the police of whatever lawful force is required to uphold the law and the civil liberties of our people?

Mr Brittan: I entirely agree. The police are not involved in political activity but are handling matters leading to breaches of criminal law, quite unrelated to politics in any shape or form.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and Morley, Lab): I can respond easily to his request that there should be a comlete denunciation of violence from wherever it comes, but that is not enough coming from government. I have been feeling in recent days tha analogy with Northern Ireland in 1969.

It is not enough to ask us to condemn. That can be done easily. The Government should not treat miners as if they do not matter but should adopt an attitude of conciliation and understanding. Without it, we are going down the royal road in this country that Northern Ireland went down in 1969.

Mr Brittan: I find it difficult to understand how a government that treated miners as if they did not matter would be spending £2m a day on investment in the coal industry. And a majority of miners do not either. The proof of that is that the NUM seems to be afraid to put it to the test by means of a ballot.

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) asked how it was possible for a man to organize a private army running into thousands and take it into battle against the police without being guilty of a serious offence. When (he added) is Arthur Scargill going to be arrested?

Mr Brittan said the question of prosecution against any individual was a matter, at least in the first instance, for the chief constable of the area in which any alleged offence might have taken place.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said the Government had virtually declared war on the miners. The miners were fighting for job security. The Government was not going to win, any more than it won against the miners in 1972 and 1974.

Mr Brittan: the suggestion that the Government has declared war on the miners is manifest and utter rubbish. The NUM should consider inquiring into the events which led, under the generalship of their leader, to so much violence occurring yesterday.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) One of the greatest problems is the apparent lack of understanding by the Government of the determination of the miners not to see their jobs, industry and communities destroyed by Mr MacGregor.

Mr Brittan: On the determination of the miners, I do not see any single mind. I see a diversity of determination. There is the determination of 50,000 miners to go about their jobs legally. I see the passionate determination of those people that they should not be prevented.

Mr Jack Ahsley (Stoke-on Trent South, Lab): We need a court of inquiry at which reasonable men both sides can try to agree a reasonable settlement.

Mr Brittan: I do not believe a court of inquiry would be a useful way forward. What we are seeing is not a national strike. It is partial and has not been endorsed by the majority of the men.

● After the Home Secretary's statement had been repeated in the House of Lords by Lord Elton, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, the Bishop of Norwich, the Rev Maurice Wood, said: I speak for a number of bishops in saying we would like to feel that the Church, which stands for reconciliation in difficult situations, understood better the minds of the ordinary miners who are caught up in this untypical and dangerous situation.

We would like from these benches to offer anything which we can do, not simply saying piously we will pray. We will pray and there is prayer going on in every church. But if we can offer anything in the way of reconciliation we would gladly do so. We would gladly come to the point where conversations between conflicting bodies can be entered into.

Lord Elton: I am certain the Church could be of help in this matter though I cannot suggest a national role: if that is what he had in mind.

New member

Mr Michael Hancock, the new SDP MP for Portsmouth South, took his seat.

Privileges Committee to study MP's words

PRIVILEGE

Remarks made by Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) during debate on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill on June 12 are to be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Mr Banks had said he would use his influence as GLC member to try and ensure that any cuts in the council's capital spending hit the constituencies of Conservative MPs voting in favour of an instruction to make part of the GLC's capital expenditure subject to Treasury consent.

A motion proposed by Mr Toby Jessel (Twickenham, C) to refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges was carried in the Commons by 303 votes to 135 – majority, 168.

Mr Jessel in urging this course of action, said Mr Banks had been invited to withdraw the words but had not done so. He understood Mr Banksa had repeated similar remarks on a radio broadcast.

For some years (said Mr Jessel) Mr Banks has been a leading and influential figure on the GLC. He has been chairman of two important committees. We must assume he meant what he said and it was not meant to be an empty threat.

Because of the meaning of the words Mr Banks used, it must be right for the House to refer this matter to the Committee of Privileges.

The words "selective vindictiveness" in that context meant the consituents and constituencies of MPs voting in a certain way would be singled out for damaging reprisals.

It is (he continued) the essence of parliamentary democracy that MPs can speak or vote, without threats to themselves or to their constituents or intimidation. The House cannot let this go by.

Mr Banks said he believed the motion represented an unpardonable waste of parliamentary time. There are (he said) four million unemployed and the Government is at war with the people, and yet this House chooses to debate a motion whether I should be referred to the Committee of Privileges because some London Tory MPs feel sensitive about what I said.

Mr Jessel had somewhat overstated the case. In the debate on June 12 he (Mr Banks) spoke as an individual MP and as an individual member of the GLC.

I am not (he said) in control of GLC policy, and I cannot the GLC to a particular course of action.

I remind the House of the situation when the Bill was debated. The Government was proposing, although it put up a number of Tory backbenchers to do it, a series of massive reductions in the GLC's capital spending programme for 1984-85.

The effect of the instruction to the committee would be that a 52 per cent cut in the council's planned new capital spending would have to be made.

This would have affected projects throughout London, including nursery classes, indoor lavatories, playing fields, provision for the single homeless and new homes.

Why (he asked) should London Tory MPs believe they can in effect make these cuts and get away with it scot free?

He was sure the over-riding concern of the GLC would always be the needs of Londoners, but where hard choices had to be made, and all other things being equal, the voting record of Tory MPs should be taken into account. Tory MPs must accept the consequences of their actions and not whinge afterwards.

When it came to acts of vindictiveness few could match the record of the present Government. Their entire local government strategy was based on vindictiveness. Abolition of the GLC and metropolitan county councils was selective vindictiveness.

I spoke honestly (he said), if somewhat robustly, during the debate last Tuesday. I was not seeking to influence the voting of Conservative MPs; they are beyond hope. What I said was said in the spirit of robust debate and in my opinion was not a breach of privilege.

Mr Peter Shore, Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs, said it would be a mistake to go through the rigmarole of a reference to the committee. The remarks were made in a highly-charged atmosphere in the context of proposed limitations on the GLC's powers and expenditures.

The GLC's policy was to base decisions on the needs of London and not on how MPs voted and he was sure Mr Banks supported that policy.

Mr Banks had said he was not seeking to influence votes on the day, though he did not withdraw remarks about taking action afterwards if he had his way. But in no sense was he going to get his way because it was not part of the GLC's policy.

Erskine-May said privilege was about an act which impeded an MP in the discharge of his duty. He did not think what Mr Banks said, bearing in mind his general influence and authority, would in any way influence the conduct of MPs.

Mr Neil Thorne (Ilford South, C) said one of the privileges of which MPs were proud was the ability to speak without fear or favour on behalf of constituents. In this case, one MP had threatened other MPs with retribution if they failed to do what he wanted. That was taking a privilege away from MPs.

The only answer was to refer the matter to the committee.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that he had never known such a load of pompous arrogance in his time in the Commons. The whole place is based on patronage (he said) and it stinks.

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, said that Mr Powell had said that when something similar had been said outside the House, it had been referred to the committee and this should be referred lest it be thought that one attitude was taken to remarks inside the House and another to those outside. He would be privileged to be in the same lobby as Mr Powell in the division.

Do not knock Americans

It was wholly irresponsible for the Labour Party to turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the distasteful realities of the build-up of Soviet weapons, Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, continuing the debate on the defence estimates in the Commons.

The removal of American nuclear and conventional forces from Europe, he said would enable the Soviet Union to achieve one of its key objectives of weakening and, if possible, severing the transatlantic alliance.

Without the American nuclear deterrent in Europe, the temptation for the Soviet Union to use pressure on the European members would be significantly greater.

Instead of knocking the Americans (he added) it should be a matter for some relief and appreciation that the European members of NATO have as an ally a country with the biggest economy and industrial base in the world, with the same views on freedom as we have, and prepared to regard our defence as its own.

Some MPs had suggested that without Trident, there could be an almost unlimited increase in conventional weapons. This was just not true. It would only mean an increase in conventional weapons of some 3 per cent over the next 15 years.

Housing Bill

The House of Lords approved amendments by the Commons to the Housing and Building Control Bill following upon the decision by peers to prevent tenants of specially adapted houses for the handicapped having a right to buy. This approval means that the Bill can now receive Royal Assent.

Architects 'can help to fight vandalism'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Architects and town planners can do more to combat the steep rise in vandalism than the police, or tougher punishments, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said yesterday.

Ms Vivien Stern, the association's director, said in a briefing paper published yesterday: "Many acts of vandalism are unplanned, take little time to commit and involve little chance of being caught in the act. A preventive approach by housing, planning and other local authority departments can have a much greater effect on this type of crime than increasing police patrols or harsher penalties."

The association is working on vandalism prevention schemes with residents and officials in 30 local authorities.

Ms Stern said: "Architects and planners can make it physically difficult to commit damage by using resistant materials or making targets inaccessible to those bent on mischief.

"Anonymous open spaces and semi-public areas over which no one has any control can be avoided in housing estates and shopping centres. Recreational amenities can be provided for young people, so that they are not driven to play in stairways or corridors of flats where the borderline between boisterous play and deliberate damage is easily crossed."

Under a quarter of vandalism is reported to the police, according to official research. Yet in 1982 400,966 offences were recorded, 13 per cent of notified crime.

The number of recorded offences involving more than £20 worth of damage rose from 35,816 in 1972 to 226,880 in 1982, the association said.

Ms Stern said that the association's crime prevention schemes on housing estates had found that vandalism can be reduced by involving residents in implementing improvements they wanted.

On the typical estate in Islington, a telephone entry system, gives residents control over access to corridors and public areas. A youth club was opened and arrangements were made for empty flats to be relet before thay could become a target for vandals.

Gold fortune smuggled out in shoes

Michael Armstrong, a gold refiner, walked away with a fortune by hiding precious gold scraps in his work shoes.

In three years he smuggled £125,000 worth of bullion out of the plant of Johnson Mathey Chemicals, at Royston, Hertfordshire.

When detectives searched his home they found scrap gold worth £80,000 under his bed, secreted in jars, and hidden in other parts of his council house.

Yesterday, Armstrong, aged 45, of Lindsay Close, Royston, was jailed for three years after admitting a single theft charge at St Albans Crown Court.

Mr John Farmer for the prosecution said that the thefts were eventually brought to light as a result of police inquiries involving another man who had since left the country.

When police investigated Armstrong's dealings they discovered he had received more than £40,000 by selling the gold he stole from the plant. The money had been invested in building societies.

Mr John Carter-Mannings, for the defence, said that there was no logical reason for taking the gold because Armstrong was not using the money.

Whitehall brief

Running the empire that has come home

By Peter Hennessy

Mr Hayden Phillips: Our man in Croydon.

There was a time when the best we bred were sent abroad to become the sons of Empire. Nowadays, apart from the odd colonial governor, most of the work is done from an office block in Croydon by Mr Hayden Phillips, an energetic under-secretary aged 41.

Mr Phillips, who runs the Home Office's Immigration and Nationality Department (IND), does not altogether relish the image of Whitehall's super district commissioner wrestling with the problems that have accumulated since the Empire came home with the large-scale immigration of the 1950s.

But a recent reorganization makes the analogy even more apt. In the jargon of Rayner-style management, his department has become the first big "responsibility centre" in the Home Office.

Mr Phillips must, in his own words, "carry the can" for 3,000 staff and a budget of £45m. His empire is strewn with political minefields; every tricky deportation or political asylum case lands on his desk before going to ministers.

It is also vast. He lists its "clients" as the taxpayer immigrants already here, the 34 million people who pass through the ports every year, those abroad who want to settle here, and taxpayers who live in Britain but "come and go".

Until the reorganization, policy and the management of resources for all that was split between 14 bits of the Home Office. Now Mr Phillips is, literally, chairman of the IND board. Within an annual budget and staff complement he can make whatever changes he can justify

He is busily reshaping the department's old computer system to produce the management information he needs. The search for speedier procedures and cost savings is on.

Forms have been simplified. Last year IND won an award from the Plain English Campaign. "For the department, which is seen as the one to villify, it was something of a breakthrough", Mr Phillips said.

Already the price of nationality fees has fallen for the first time since 1913. His next project is to see if procedures can be simplified; 92 per cent of IND's customers already in the United Kingdom are given what they want either with an extension of stay (95,000 persons a year) or the granting of settlement (13,300 people a year).

The first rule of the department is that no applicant should be discriminated against on the grounds of race, colour or religion. So for the sake of the small proportion who do not get what they want the system must remain fair and thorough.

mr Phillips thought it thoroughly unfair 10 years ago when Mr Roy Jenkins, his old boss and patron at the Home Office and later at the EEC Commission, was likened while on a foray into Brixton to Saunders of the River.

Next month Mr Phillips will do his own Sanders impression with visits to Leeds, Derby, Brent and Birmingham to see one section of his clients in situ, plus a trip to Dover to inspect another during the rush-hours of midnight to 2am

After what Mr Phillips describes as "two decades of upheaval", with a statutory or and administrative change almost every other year, the life and boundaries of IND should be stable for theimmediate future.

Errors in nursing home report

The Press Council, partly upholding a complaint aganist the *Daily Star*, said today it was not satisfied a reporter and photographer improperly used subterfuge while investigating conditions at a nursing home, owned by Mr and Mrs Jeremy Hobbs.

The council said it was satisfied they had revealed a serious shortcoming at the home but the article included significant inaccuracies. Those, and the omission of some facts, distorted the picture, and to that extent the council upheld the complain by the owners of the Eveysleigh nursing home.

The feature said Mr and Mrs Hobbs, were responsible for caging in a small bare storeroom a gentle old lady who had once been a friend of the Queen. The patient had no fire escape, no alarm bell, no radio or television, no treasured ornaments a no carpet on the floor. Mr and Mrs Hobbs told the council that the patient had een in a state of extreme dementia for years, and could not read or enjoy radio and television.

Science research faces 25% cut, advisers tell MPs

By Richard Evans

Scientific research will be cut by a quarter in the next decade if government spending proposals are implemented, Britain's leading research advisers told MPs yesterday.

They said that such a reduction, equivalent to the scrapping of all medical research, would have a devastating effect on Britains economy and its chances of recovey.

Professor Sir David Phillips, chairman of the Advisory Board for the Reaearch Councils, which advises Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that although the Treasury's Green Paper on public expenditure and taxation in the 1990s showed spending on science remaining even over the next 10 years, there were "various reasons" why in practice there would be a significant cut in science work.

They incl͏ded the knock on effect of reduced university spending provision of money earmarked for science for salaries which exceeded cash limits, and the cost of redundancies and premature retirements within research councils.

"We read this document as really telling us that we must look forward to something like a 25 per cent decline in scientific research over the next 10 years", he said.

Sir David, together with Dr Walter Bodmer, head of research at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and Dr Derek Roberts, director of research at General Electric were giving evidence at the start of an inquiry by the Commons Select Committee on employment, science and arts on Britain's science budget.

They repeatedly made clear their unhappiness over government policy towards science and the shortage of cash planned for the future.

Sir David said it was extraordinary that there was no overt discussion about science in the Green Paper. Dr Bodmer said it did not "dein" to mention science as being important for the country

Dr Roberts told MPs: "In the context of the total budgetary problem we have in this country, the only way in which we can get out of our ecoomic ills is by increasing investment in science and associated education. We will not improve the economic prospects of this country by spending more on social security."

Dr Bodmer said it was crucial that more finance was made available, especially in universities, "because we see this as an essential base for the future economy of the country."

He agreed with Mr Martin Flannery, Labour MP for Sheffield, Hillsborough, that the most able scientists would be driven overseas if more resources were not provided.



Sir Keith: Told of "devastating" effect

Secret film shown at British doctor's trial

After handing over $2,500 (£1,700) to pay for the murder of his London medical partner, Dr Brian Richards told the man he allegedly hired to arrange the death: "I've got the feeling I'm probably doing us all a good turn", a jury heard here.

This damaging statement was played during the first day of testimony in the trial of the 52-year-old British doctor who is accused of trying to solicit the murder of his London sex clinic partner, Dr Peter Stephan, aged 40.

Dr Richards's words were secretly taped by Los Angeles sheriffs when he met Dr Ronald Bennett, an American colleague he allegedly tried to recruit to carry out the killing.

The conversation took place in a Malibu Beach bar last October.

The jury was told by the prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Thomas Sokolov, that two of Dr Richards' meetings with Dr Bennett were tape recorded by police, and one of them was filmed as the two men sat in a café.

Dr Richards, who is free on $500,000 bail sat with his wife in the first row of the spectator section in the crowded courtroom and listened intently as the film and two tapes were played.

His lawyer, Mr Peter Brown, contended that Dr Richards met Mr Bennett to prevent any harm coming to his partner and not to have him killed. But this claim was dealt a severe blow by the recordings.



The accused: Dr Brian Richards listens intently to the evidence at his trial in California

Dr Richards is alleged to have promised that, if Dr Bennett arranged for his partner's "disappearance" he would give him the US rights to an anti-herpes drug developed by Dr Stephan.

Dr Bennett who the defence contends bore a grudge against Dr Stephan, went to the police after he met Dr Richards for the first time and the killing was discussed. At two further meetings Dr Bennett was wearing a tape recorder under his clothes.

At the third meeting Dr Bennett said: "I want to make sure what you're requesting, and that is you literally want him killed." Dr Richard nodded and said: "out of the way" and handed over a bundle of 25 $100 notes, saying: "Iv'e got the feeling I'm probably doing us all a good turn."

Thatcher to get cable TV briefing

By Bill Johnston
Technology Correspondent

The Prime Minister has asked her industrial advisers for a personal briefing on cable televsion, after receiving letters from potential operators asking for a substantial review of government policy. The critical aspect of that policy is the Treasury's insistence that capital allowances for cable will not be permitted.

The personal briefing requested by Mrs Margaret Thatcher is seen as a significant change in the political climate. She may be embarrassed by the lack of progress made both by the technology and her industry ministers.

It was she who ended Information Technology Year nearly two years ago by making a personal commitment which has not been fulfilled, saying: "We are determined to encourage cable systems, not just for more entertainment but eventually for a huge range of two-way services".

The Government's option are to:

Reverse the capital allowance policy outlined by the Treasury during the last Budget;

Allow cable television networks to be the only exception to the Treasury ruling for a specified periods;

Extend the lifetime of cable television franchises which have been granted for a period of 12 years;

Insist that the 11 present franchise holders operate without special treatment

BBC pays for burger libel

The BBC yesterday agreed to pay substantial libel damages to Bird's Eye over a BBC 2 *Food and Drink* programme in August, 1982, which implied that the company's 100 per cent beefburgers contained only 80 per cent of meat.

Mr Richard Walker, for Bird's Eye, told Mr Justice Comyn in the High Court in London that the "serious and damaging lible" could not be allowed to pass unchallenged. He said their 100 per cent beefburgers were entirely composed of beef with only a tiny quantity of salt and pepper for seasoning.

Mr Christopher Clarke, QC, for the BBC and Miss Jan Walsh, a consumer expert, said they were glad to take the opportunity to offer the company their sincere apologies.

Test cricketers to coach jobless

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, who is a former England cricket captain, is to work with some present-day Indain Test players offering cricket coaching sessions to Liverpool unemployed. He has promised his "physical support" in the scheme, which is instigated by Dr Shiv Pande, general secretary of the Indo-British Association.

The scheme, which begins today, has the backing of Merseyside County Council and Liverpool City council's department of recreation

Labour's blacks expect debate on greater role

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Leaders of Labour's black sections expect a full conference debate on their demand for a stronger voice in the party.

Those close to Mr Kinnock, the party leader, had told Labour's increasingly vociferous blacks that they would be silly to force a debate at Blackpool in October.

One source said that the party heirarcy had had enough of constitutional change, that union block votes would be mustered against the blacks, and that any conference defeat would block all movement for at least three years.

A national executive working group is expected to agree today a consultation document setting out the arguments for and against constitutional sections.

The blacks hope the document will be weighted in favour of constitutional change.

Mr Kinnock; Mr Roy Hattersley, his deputy; and Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's home affairs spokesman, have greatly distressed some blacks with public remarks designed to show their hostility to black sections.

But those blacks backing the campaign, which is vehemently opposed by black members of Militant Tendency, said that they will "tighten the screw" in constituencies with many black members.

Castle by-pass inquiry

From John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, Burghclere

A public inquiry opened yesterday into plans to build a by-pass through the grounds of Highclere Castle, a secluded stretch of Hampshire parkland laid out by Capability Brown.

The inquiry has attracted more than local interest for two reasons.

Under the National Heritage Act, 1983, the Department of the Environment has powers to list historic landscapes in the same way as buildings, on the advice of the Commission for Historic Buildings

Highclere is expected to be the first landscape listed. One government department will be seen as contributing destroying countryside which another department is committed to preserving.

The second point of interest is that because all the land is owned by Lord Carnarvon, the Department of Transport drew up its initial plans in the belief that it would not have to face a public inquiry.

After local objectors took legal action the High Court ruled last October that an inquiry should be held

Killers of nuns sentenced to 30 years jail in Salvador

From John Carlin
San Salvador

The judge in what became known as "The nun's case" has given maximum 30-year jail terms to five National Guardsmen found guilty last month of murdering four American churchwomen in December, 1980.

After long deliberation, Judge Bernardo Rauda Murcia announced on Monday that each of the guardsmen had been condemned to a total of 100 years in prison for the murder of the four women. However, he explained that Salvadorean law did not permit jail sentences to continue beyond 30 years. It was possible the sentences could be reduced for good behaviour, he said, but stated flatly that all five guardsmen would, at the very least, see out the century in prison.

Politically the stiff sentences will prove valuable to President José Napoleón Duarte, who says he is committed to stamping out human rights violations by the security forces.

The war against left-wing guerrillas also seemed to be going well for the new President.

Government troops have seized control of the principal towns in northern Morazan, a guerrilla stronghold crucial symbolically and strategically for the last three years of the civil war, now in its fifth year.

Some 3,000 soldiers under the command of Colonel Domingo Monterrosa, the officer most feared by the guerrillas, encountered virtually no resistance as they marched into Perquin, San Fernando, Arambala and other towns in northern Morazan, 120 miles north-east of San Salvador. San Fernando has been the site of an important military school for recruits to the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN).

Colonel Monterrosa says he will keep his 3,000 troops in the province for a another two weeks, hoping to establish a continued Army presence there.

The guerrillas had announced a new military campaign on Saturday which has manifested itself so far in disrupted traffic and burnt vehicles.

But the real measure of the guerrillas' strength, an unknown quantity for the past several weeks, will be found in their response to this latest challenge in northern Morazan, which for a long time they have claimed as a "liberated zone".

Senate rejects ban on using US troops

The Republican-dominated Senate defeated moves to ban the use of US combat troops in El Salvador or Nicaragua, and to cut off American funding for covert operations in Nicaragua (Our Washington Correspondent writes).

Senator Edward Kennedy (Democrat, Massachusetts) offered both amendments to the $291bn (£208bn) fiscal 1985 Defence Bill. The proposal not to use US combat troops without Congress's approval was defeated by 63-31 votes on Monday night and the covert operations amendment was lost 58-38. President Reagan has repeatedly said he has no intention of using US combat troops in Central America.

Meatless days for Argentines

From Douglas Tweedale
Buenos Aires

President Raúl Alfonsín's Government yesterday launched the latest effort to change the eating habits of beef-hungry Argentines by banning meat consumption in restaurants on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The aim of the measure, which Government officials say will succeed where similar efforts have failed in the past, is to reduce the demand for beef and prevent prices from rising sharply in the lean winter months ahead, when meat supplies reaching markets are expected to drop.

Catchy television advertisements designed to make the meat ban work, urge Argentines: "Appeal to your creativity" to vary their menus on the days of the ban and close with the slogan: "Let's not feed inflation".

Argentines eat so much beef (an average of more than 200lb per person per year, according to officials) that the Government fears any increase in its price would have a drastic impact on the country's 500 per cent inflation rate.

But hopes of changing the countrys'pereference for the traditional inch-thick *bifes* (steaks) are slim, according to most economists. An earlier ban imposed last Febuary failed dismally to control prices

Ferreira faces accusation of military crimes

Buenos Aires – The Uruguayan opposition leader, Señor Ferreira Aldunate, has been formally charged with four military crimes which carry a maximum sentence of 30 years, the military Government said

Señor Ferreira, the presidential candidate of the traditional Blanco Party, was charged with attacking the moral fibre of the armed forces, being an accessory to subversive associations, exposing the republic to risk of reprisals and conspiracy against the constitution.

Nicaragua fails to get more Russian arms

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Señor Daniel Ortega, leader of the left-wing Sandinista Government of Nicaragua, leaves Moscow today with declarations of Soviet support but little to show by way of a firm Soviet commitment to increased arms supplies.

Señor Ortega's talks with President Chernenko and Mr Geidar Aliyev, a senior Politburo member, concentrated on Soviet assistance to Managua "in the restoration and development of the Nicaraguan economy". *Pravda* said yesterday that Mr Chernenko had "expressed support for the efforts being made by the Nicaraguan leadership with a view to national reconstruction".

The Soviet leader was shown on the front page of *Pravda* beaming across at the bespectacled, moustached figure of Señor Ortega. Mr Chernenko had a prepared text open before him. His own spectacles lay on the polished table.

Pravda said that Mr Chernenko had expressed Russia's "solidarity with the heroic people of Nicaragua defending their freedom and independence against the aggressive actions of the imperialist forces" but did not note any specific agreements beyond this vague gesture of support.

Russia already supplies arms to Nicaragua, both directly and through Cuba. Further supplies were discussed in April when Señor Humberto Ortega, the Nicaraguan Defence Minister, had talks in Moscow.

Before leaving Managua for Moscow last weekend Señor Daniel Ortega said that he was seeking increased Soviet military aid and hinted at Nicaragua's need for Soviet warplanes and training for pilots fighting the "imperialist aggressors".

Diplomats said that although Moscow made daily propaganda attacks on the Reagan administration for its support of right-wing counter-revolutionaries in Nicaragua, the Kremlin was not eager to become more closely drawn into a "proxy war" with the United States in Central America.

Señor Ortega, who is accompanied by Father Miguel D'escoto, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister; Señor Henry Ruiz, the Planning Minister, travels to Eastern Europe today for further talks. Diplomats said that he might also visit Libya in the hope of obtaining weapons from Colonel Gaddafi.

Gandhi delays meeting Sikhs

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

It is being made clear in Delhi that talks with the Akali Dal, the Sikh political party which led the agitation in Punjab until it was taken over by terrorists, are not likely in the near future.

Indian officials are known to feel that the turmoil in Punjab needs to be given time to settle down before any kind of meaningful discussions can be undertaken on the list of Sikh demands which was the basis of the dispute.

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, herself told the BBC that the package which was offered to the Akalis was still on the table, but that the Akali leaders would have to renounce any kind of separatism before talks could continue. She said she was willing to talk to them "depending on whether they are clear about the integrity and unity of the country . . . within our consitution".

Since one of the demands that the Akali leaders have been pressing is for some constitutional change affecting the relationship between the state and the central Government, this condition seems likely to rule out immediate talks.

In any case, the "Director of the Morchia" as the agitation is called, Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, the Akali President, is now under detention in Jaipur. That need not necessarily rule out talks, as Mrs Gandhi said: "We have been in touch with them continuously, even when some of them were in prison".

● LONDON: The British Government is urging India to abandon its new visa requirements for British and Commonwealth passport holders travelling there when its internal strife has abated (John Lawless writes).

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, said yesterday: "The Indian Government has every right to introduce such regulations as it thinks necessary. The decision appears to have been taken on security grounds, particularly following recent events in Punjab. "We regret this development, and very much hope that the new regulation will prove to be temporary."

European Parliament elections

Narrowing poll gap stings Greek leaders to action

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Mr Andrean Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, reacted swiftly to the lessons of Sunday's election results by establishing a ministerial action group (today) to make more efficient the decision-making of his 55-member Cabinet.

Final results of Sunday's poll show that the ruling Pan Hellenc Socialist Movement (Pasok) is firmly in the saddle despite some conspicuous losses, and that it enjoys the support of more than two-fifths of the electorate.

Attempts by its conservative rival, New Democracy, to dislodge it by turning the European elections into a popularity duel backfired. Th contest revealed th strain on the Papandreou Government after 32 months in office, but also exposed the main opposition party's failure fully to rgain its own credibliity.

The polarization provoked by this contest all but wiped out smaller political groups, despite an electoral system favouring the dispersal of votes. The confrontation took on the character of a national election, and results are comparable with those of the last general election in 1981.

Sunday's returns show that the gap between the first two parties has shrunk to nearly one-quarter of what it was in 1981. Pasok's share of the electorate dropped from 48 per cent. to 41.6 per cent and New Democracy's rose from 36 per cent to 38 per cent.

Oddly, the Socialists lost heavily to New Democracy in Athens, Piraeus and Salonika, where the Left is traditionally stronger. Analysts suggest that in those areas the day-to-day irritants that sapped the Government's popularity more than any one issue have taken a relatively heavier toll: rising prices, unemployment, the anger of businessmen, pollution and bureaucracy.

Pasok lost up to 40 per cent of its following in all but two of the country's 56 constituencies. New Democracy won more voters in 34 of them, but because of Pasok's unwavering strength in the countryside the opposition's efforts to take the lead and precipitate a general election failed.

The pro-Soviet Communist Party of Greece (KKE) maintained its third place, as well as its share of more than 11 per cent of the vote, vindicating its low profile during the campaign.

KKE had been torn between its own urge to make a show of strength and trade a partnership with the weakened Socialists, and Moscow's wish that no harm should come to Mr Papandreou, so that he can pursue his maverick policies within the Western community.

The 13 smaller parties were virtually crushed in the mill of big party confrontation, even though they managed to snatch a substantial 8.7 per cent of the vote.

Worst hit were the moderate Democratic Socialist Party and the right-wing Progressives, both lost their Strasbourg seats.

The Eurocommunists survived thanks to the charismatic Mr Leonidas Kyrkos. A newcomer in the European Parliament will be the right-wing National Political Union (EPEN), which represents supporters of the jailed ex-dictator Mr George Papadopoulos.

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GREECE	1984		(1979)	
Electorate	7,790,000		(7,060,000)	
Votes cast	5,956,000		(5,752,000)	
Turnout	77.2%		(81.5%)	
Seats	24		(24)	
	1984 Seats	(1981) Seats	1984 %	(1981) %
Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Soc)	10	(10)	41.6	(40.1)
New Democracy (EEP)	9	(8)	38.0	(31.3)
Communist Party of Greece (Com)	3	(3)	11.7	(12.8)
Communist Party of the Interior (Com)	1	(1)	3.4	(5.29)
Nat. Pol. Union	1	(–)	2.3	(–)
Party of Democratic Socialism (Ind)	0	(1)	0.8	(4.25)
Party of Progressives (Ind)	0	(1)	0.2	(1.29)
Others (four groups, now 9)	0	(–)	2.0	(4.18)

Country-by-country seats analysis

DENMARK	1984		(1979)	
Electorate	3,800,000		(3,725,000)	
Votes cast	1,989,000		(1,791,000)	
Turnout	51.8%		(47.8%)	
Seats(Grld 1)	16		(16)	
	1984 Seats	(1979) Seats	1984 %	(1979) %
*Conserv'tves (ED)	4	(2)	20.8	(14.1)
P M Agt EEC (CDI)	4	(4)	20.8	(21)
Soc Dem (Soc)	3	(3)	19.5	(21.9)
*Venstre Libs (Lib)	2	(3)	12.4	(14.5)
S Ppe's Py (Com)	1	(1)	9.2	(4.7)
*Centre Dem (EPP)	1	(1)	6.6	(6.2)
Progress Pty (EPD)	0	(1)	3.5	(5.8)
Others	0	(0)	7.2	(11.8)
Siumut (Gld) (Soc)	1	(1)	–	(–)

Greenland seat reverts to Denmark on January 1, 1985, when the territory quits EEC

*Govt coalition parties

GERMANY	1984		(1979)	
Electorate	(44,452,000)		(42,752,000)	
Votes cast	(25,235,000)		(28,099,000)	
Turnout	(56.8%)		(65.7%)	
Seats	(81)		(81)	
	1984 Seats	(1979) Seats	1984 %	(1979) %
Christian Democrats (EPP)	34	(34)	37.5	(39.1)
Christian Socialist Union (EPP)	7	(8)	8.5	(10.1)
Social Democrats (Soc)	33	(35)	37.4	(40.8)
Greens	7	(–)	8.2	(3.2)
Free Democrats (Lib)	–	(4)	4.8	(6.0)
Others	–	(–)	3.7	(0.8)

NETHERLANDS	1984		(1979)	
Electorate	10,200,000		(9,800,000)	
Votes cast	5,293,000		(5,667,000)	
Turnout	50.5%		(57.8%)	
Seats	25		(25)	
	1984 Seats	(1979) Seats	1984 %	(1979) %
Labour (Soc)	9	(9)	33.7	(30.4)
Christian Democrats (EPP)	8	(10)	30.0	(35.6)
Liberals (Lib)	5	(4)	18.9	(16.2)
Combined list 4 small left-wing parties	2	(0)	5.6	(5.0)
Combined list 8 small right-wing parties	1	(0)	5.2	(3.3)
Others	0	(0)	4.3	(0.5)
Democrats '66 (Ind)	0	(2)	2.3	(9.0)

ITALY	1984		(1979)	
Electorate	44,387,000		(42,193,000)	
Votes cast	37,240,000		(34,982,000)	
Turnout	83.9%		(85.5%)	
Seats	81		(81)	
	1984 Seats	(1979) Seats	1984 %	(1979) %
Communist Party (Com) }	27	(24)	3.3	(29.6)
Proletarian Democ (CDI), now (Com) }		(1)		(0.7)
Chris Democrats (EPP)	27	(29)	33.0	(36.5)
Socialists (Soc)	9	(9)	11.2	(11.0)
Social Movement (MSI) (Ind)	5	(4)	6.5	(5.4)
Social Democrats (Soc)	3	(4)	3.5	(4.3)
Radicals (CDI)	3	(3)	3.4	(3.7)
Liberals (Lib) }	5	(3)	6.1	(3.6)
Republicans (Lib) }		(2)		(2.6)
Proletarian Party (CDI)	1	(1)	1.4	(1.1)
S Tyrol People's Party (EPP)	1	(1)	0.6	(0.6)
Others	0	(0)	1.0	(0.9)

M Jean-Marie Le Pen: French National Front

SOC: Socialists; EPP: European People's Party (includes Christian Democrats); ED: European Democrats (includes UK Conservatives); COM: Communists and allies; LIB: Liberals and Democrats; EPD: European Progressive Democrats (includes Gaullists); CDI: Technical Coordination and Defence of Independents); IND: Independents.

BELGIUM	1984		(1979)	
Electorate	6,900,000		(6,801,000)	
Votes cast	6,431,000		(6,232,000)	
Turnout	92.7%		(91.6%)	
Seats	24		(24)	
	1984 Seats	(1979) Seats	1984 %	(1979) %
Socialists (Soc)	9	(7)	30.4	(23.4)
Christian Democrats (EPP)	6	(10)	27.4	(37.7)
Liberals Lib)	5	(4)	18.0	(16.6)
Regionalists (CDI) and (IND)	2	(3)	13.2	(13.5)
Ecologists	2	(–)	9.2	(3.4)
Others	0	(–)	1.8	(5.4)

Seats are apportioned on the basis of votes within a region (Flanders or Wallonia), and therefore the allocation of seats nationally may not reflect the percentage vote nationally.

FRANCE	1984		(1979)	
Electorate	36,424,000		(35,180,531)	
Votes cast	20,689,000		(21,356,960)	
Turnout	56.7		(61%)	
Seats	81		(81)	
	1984 Seats	(1979) Seats	1984 %	(1979) %
UDF (Lib) & (EPP)		(25)		(27.6)
and RPR (EPD)	41	(15)	42.9	(16.3)
Socialists (Soc)	20	(22)	20.8	(23.5)
Communists (Com)	10	(19)	11.3	(20.5)
National Front	10	(0)	11.0	(1.3)*
Ecologists	0	(0)	3.4	(4.4)
ERE	0	(0)	3.3	(1.8)*
Others	0	(0)	7.3	(4.6)

Above figures are provisional, until final 1.7m votes, from French Polynesia and other overseas territories, are received – probably tomorrow.
*In 1979, the extreme right was represented by the Eurodroite party and the centre left not by ERE but by EEE

LUXEMBOURG	1984		(1979)	
Electorate	214,000		(213,000)	
Votes cast	184,000		(975,000)*	
Turnout	86%		(88.9%)	
Seats	6		(6)	
	1984 Seats	(1979) Seats	1984 %	(1979) %
Parti Chrétien Social (EPP)	3	(3)	35.6	(36.1)
Parti Ouvrier Socialiste Luxembourgeois (Soc)	2	(1)	30.5	(21.7)
Demokratesch Partei (Lib)	1	(2)	20.4	(28.1)
Others	0	(–)	14.5	(14.1)

*Electors have six votes each

Moscow makes UN appeal for space arms ban

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

A further call to the United States to negotiate now on banning anti-satellite weapons was made in the 40-nation UN disarmament conference yesterday by the Soviet Union.

In making it, the Russian delegate, Mr Viktor Issraelyan, reasserted that his country was sticking to its decision to apply a unilateral moratorium on the placing in outer space of anti-satellite weapons of any kind, including test launches.

The Russians were ready to open negotiations with the Americans immediately, he said. They sought a complete prohibition of anti-satellite weapons systems.

Kyprianou attacks British trade with north Cyprus

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain is one of a number of countries which are violating EEC rules by trading with the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus complained in London yesterday.

His foreign minister, Mr George Iacovou, is expected to raise the issue with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, today, during one of a series of meetings which the two men are having in Britain, in a further attempt to increase pressure on Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader.

His governement did not want to harm the Turkish Cypriots, Mr Kyprianon said. But it wished to limit the options for the "illegal entitiy" in Northern Cyprus. "It is a very serious matter", he added.

Mr Kyprianou said that he had already reminded Mrs Margaret Thatcher that Britain had a moral and legal responsibility for Cyprus as one of the guarantor powers for the island's unity. His government had a right to feel disappointed that Britain had not played that role as effectively as it might have done.

His visit to Britain has been timed almost to coincide with the tenth anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, which led to last November's declaration of independence by Mr Denktas and his regime in the northern third of the island.

He said that although everyone condemned the Turkish action Cyprus remained divided and partition would continue until the international community showed itself willing to take effective action.

Strike prisoners die

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

A hunger strike by political prisoners at two military jails in Istanbul has claimed three victims, Mr Turgon Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, said yesterday.

He told a press conference that "they were either sentenced to or facing the death penalty over multiple charges of murder and armed assualts".

He said that Mr Abdullah Merpa, who died on June 15, and Mr Haydar Basbag and Mr Faith Oktulmus, who died two days later, were among 13 hunger strikers admitted to hospital in failing health. He also disclosed that two prisoners were admitted to hospital in Elazig, eastern Turkey.

Mr Ozal accused the prisoners' "self-styled leaders" of driving their comrades to death, in pursuit of unacceptable demands. He said they included the recognition of political prisoners status; an end to death sentences and executions; the right for prisoners to elect their own representatives; permission not to wear prison uniforms; banning of solitary confinement; unlimited exercise periods; access to radio and television and lifting of all restrictions on the bringing of newspapers and books to jails.

Inter-racial party forced out of elections by second Israeli ban

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The left-wing Israeli-Arab Progressive List for Peace, the only fully integrated party of Arabs and Jews inside Israel, has become the second party to be banned from next month's general election out of the 27 orignally registered.

The party, which is headed by an Arab lawyer, is made up of 60 Arabs and 60 jews listed in alternate order. It has been campaigning on a platform calling for an independent Palestinian state adjacent to Israel behind its pre-1967 borders.

The ban was imposed early yesterday morning by a vote of 17 to 12 in the all-party Central Elections Committee. It was seen by Israeli commentators as a deliberate counterweight to the committee's proscription earlier this week of the extreme right-wing Kach Party led by Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Both parties have announced their intention of challenging the banning orders in the High Court. Mr Yehuda Hashai, chairman of the opposition Labour Party's faction on the committee, claimed that there was no legal basis for disqualifying the Progressive List.

Justice Gabriel Bach, the non-party chairman, abstained from the vote. In a letter he said that the left-wing group was being disqualified because its list contained "subversive principles and intentions", and its central figures acted in "a manner of identification with enemies of the state".

One of the party's leading Jewish members, Mr Uri Avnery, a former Knesset member, described the decision as "a severe blow to Israeli democracy". Earlier this month Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, rejected a request from Shin Bet, Israel's equivalent of MI5, to outlaw the party.

One supporter of the ban, Mrs Geula Cohen, a member of the right-wing Techiya Party, told the committee during its eight hours of deliberations: "If you allow this list to run for the Knesset, I can already hear Yassir Arafat laughing at us."

An opinion poll published yesterday by the respected Smith Institute showed an increase in Labour's lead over the ruling Likud coalition. With less than six weeks to go before polling day Labour is now 16 per cent ahead of its nearest rival compared with 13 per cent in a similar poll two months ago.

Among the smaller parties, the results showed gains for Techiya, which now includes the former Chief of Staff, General Rafael Eitan, in number two position on its list, and for the new Centre Party led by Mr Ezer Weizman, the former Defence Minister.

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Extremists 'enjoy official backing'

Allegations are spreading in Israel that the recently-uncovered Jewish Settlers' Underground in the occupied West Bank received support from unnamed figures in the Government and at high levels inside the military establishment (Christopher Walker writes).

The claims became a prime election issue yesterday when the main opposition Labour party called for an urgent inquiry into charges by the brother of Menachem Livni, the alleged ring leader of the terrorist organization, that "government personalities" gave their blessing to its establishment and activities.

Similar charges have been made by Mr Meir Indor, brother of another orthodox Jewish suspect who is being sought by the police.

Jordan's quest for weapons

Husain turning to Moscow

From Robert Fisk, Amman

Israel's power to dissuade Washington from selling new weapons to King Husain is now providing Moscow with new military opportunities in Jordan.

Since the Americans refused to sell Jordan Stinger missiles, a number of high-level Soviet military missions have travelled to the captial, Amman, to try and sell the king both anti-aircraft missiles and guns.

While he would still prefer to purchase equipment from the West, the king is now open to offers from Moscow if this proves to be the only way he can re-equip his air force.

Outnumbered at least five-to-one in aircraft by almost all his neighbours, and with an anti-aircraft missile system that could not possibly cope with a sustained Israeli – or Syrian – air assault, King Husain is now searching more desperately than ever for new weapons to defend his country. He is thus, of course, quite happy for the US and the rest of the world to appreciate his new interest in Soviet weaponry.

The Jordanian Chief of Staff travelld to Italy on Sunday to inquire about arms purchases in Rome, although the king is still interested in buying British Javelins as well as Strellas and improved Mirage jets from France.

But he may well decide to augment his current supply of about 20 short-range Soviet Sam-8 missiles, and Russian ZSU 23-4 mobile radar-guided anti-aircraft guns. Jordan would not be buying from the Russians for political effect – the country simply does not possess the funds for such luxuries – and the Soviets would want immediate payment for their arms.

At present, Jordan's principal air defence system is based upon the 14 American Hawk missile batteries, each comprising six rockets, most of which are positioned on the low, stony hills that form a semi-circle around Amman.

But under the conditions of sale, the batteries are immobile, which means they must already be listed in every targer folder and pilot briefing room in the Middle East.

Launchers bolted on to concrete

The launchers are commomnly believed to be cemented in place – actually, they are bolted on to concrete – but while they could physically be moved to new locations with the help of a series of generators, the king would never be able to purchase similar equipment again if he violated the sale agreement with the US. The Jordanians can meanwhile look enviously to the north of their frontier where the Russians have placed no restrictions upon the mobility, or repositioning of the Sam anti-aircraft missiles which they have supplied to the Syrians.

Jordn's air force now comprises only about 100 front line aircraft – compared to 1982-83 statistics of 630 in Israel and 600 in Syria – and even if the order was given to "scramble" all of the Jordanian jets at once, the country does not have enough pilots to fly them.

King Husain would therefore like to make a qualitative rather than quantitative improvement in his air force, providing perhaps two squadrons of 18 jets each – F20s or Mirage 2000s would probably be his choice.

American constraints on purchases

Quite apart from the political constraints upon arms sales from America, however, Jordan still needs sufficient capital to buy new weapons, whether from East or West.

This is what lies behind King Husain's recent trip to the Arab Gulf states, to whom he offered Jordanian ground troops if the countries of the region felt threatened. In return for the promise of such Jordnian assistance, King Husain wants Gulf oil funds to resupply his air force and army.

So far, the money has not been forthcoming.

Boycott of all British sports contacts and goods urged by African council

Ouagadougou, (AFP) – The Supreme Council for Sports in Africa has urged a wholesale boycott of British Athletes and sporting goods because of London's failure to prevent the English rugby tour of South Africa this month.

The call was made at a weekend meeting here in the Upper Voltan capital of the council's executive bureau. It dismissed the British Government's argument that it had no statutory power to stop the tour as evidence of its "unconcern and indifference", and said it clashed with the Gleneagles declaration by Commonwealth countries about avoiding sports contacts with "Racist South Africa".

Recalling the anti-apartheid resolution passed by the Supreme Cuncil's 1979 General Assembly, the executive asked members "without further delay" to:

- **Boycott systematically all sports competitions throughout Britain,**
- **Forbid British ciotizens to take part in sports competitions in Africa.**
- **Ban British coaching engagements in Africa.**
- **Boycott British sports goods.**
- **Refuse to use British firms for the construction of sports facilities.**

The executive said it was mandating the Council's Secretary-General to ask the UN special committee against apartheid about organising an international conference in Africa to draw up a concerted plan to outlaw racial discrimination in sport.

The meeting here was attended by the leaders of the association of African National Olympic Committees and of the Union of African Sports Confederations.

The participants agreed to ask the Ethiopian leader, Mengistu Haile Mariam, as current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, to consult fellow OAU heads of state about what approach to adopt towards the Los Angeles Olympic Games in July and August.

Southern Africa policy under fire

Jackson accuses US of double standard

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

The Rev Jesse Jackson has accused the Reagan Administration of having a double standard in its policy towards South Africa, with suppressionof the black majority being ignored in favour of expanding military and econimic ties with Pretria for purposes of political expendiency.

The Democratic presidential candidate made his comments at a conference, sponsored by the United Nations, against South Africa's system of apartheid. He said that the Reagan Administration had been quick to respond to Poland's viloationof human rights with an economic boycott but in its policy of "construcitve engagement" seemed ready to reward South Africa at every turn."

In separte remarks that where certain to anger further the American Jewish community, which has fallen out several times with Mr Jackson during the presidential campaign, he spoke disparagingly of America's assistance to Israel. Four million Israelis received more aid than Washington sends to 500 million Africans.

Israel and the United States, he added, had helped to create a threat to the sovereignty of every 'black' state in Africa, through the transfer fo nuclear technology to South Africa. "Our national views of Southern Africa must redically change from seeing it as essentially a piece of geopolitical real estate to be used by the United States for selfish ends without regard to the asprirations of the people of Southern Africa," he said.

His call for legislation prohibiting new investment by American corporations in South Africa and a timetable for divestment of more than 350 United States corporations already doing business there was echoed by Senator Edward Kennedy (Democrat, Massachusetts), who was among other speakers.

Mr Kennedy said: "Not since Nazi Germany has a Government tried to do what South Africa is doing today with its uprooting of people and the forced relocation of its homelands policy".

Mr Jackson and Mr Kennedy said that the present United States partnership with South Africa was emboldening it to seek respectability among Western nations, and they cited the recent European tour of Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister.

Later at a luncheon, Mr Jackson spoke of his efforts to politicize blacks in the United States so that their influence could measure up to the political power exerted by American Jews. "Begin would come to this country and run straight to the White House and get refused. In New York he would have a big banquet, and in Los Angeles, Houston and Chicago. Then he would go back to the White House and get whatever he wanted."

The commandeered Iranian aircraft at Nice, and inset, three of the four passengers who asked to be sent home.

France will return Iran's plane

Nice (Reuter) – France said yesterday it would return a commandeered Iranian Navy aircraft flown to Nice airport from Italy.

The External Relations Ministry in Paris said the personal record of the eight Iranians on board, four of whom have asked for political asylum, was being investigated. The other four apparently want to return to Iran.

After talks with the eight in airport buildings, local officials said it was up to the Government in Paris to take a decision.

Western diplomatic sources said it was possible that France might grant the four asylum in line with its traditional policy towards refugees.

Since Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution, Paris has given refuge to a number of prominent opposition leaders.

The Ministry did not say when the aircraft, A Fokker 27, was to be returned to Iran, where it was commandeered on Friday and flown to Bahrain, Egypt and Italy.

Quebec party loses 3 seats

Ottawa – Quebec's ruling Parti Québécois (PQ), has lost three more by-elections, bringing to 21 in a row the number it has lost since first taking power in 1976 on a platform that called, in part, for the province's eventual separation from Canada (John Best writes).

Standings in the 122-seat Quebec National Assembly, or legislature, are now: PQ 71, Liberals 48, Independents 2, vacant 1.

McKinney held

Salt Lake City (AP) – Joyce McKinney, the former beauty queen who fled from Britain seven years ago when accused of kidnapping Mr Kirk Anderson, a Mormon missionary and forcing him to have sex with her, has been arrested outside the workplace of the former missionary and charged with disturbing the peace and giving false information to police.

Girth to go

Berlin (Reuter) – The West Berlin senate yesterday released from his contract the manager of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Herr Peter Girth, the man at the centre of a dispute between the musicians and the conductor, Herbert von Karajan.

Bomb victim

Johannesburg (AFP) – South African security police said yesterday that a man killed in an explosion at Bethal, east of here, at the weekend, was a terrorist planting a bomb. His body was not immeiate identified.

Suspects shot

Manila (AFP) – The newly-reactivated "secret marshals", the armed plainclothes security force, killed two robbery suspects yesterday in Manila's tourist district.

Walesa taunted over defeat

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

The Polish Government yesterday challenged Mr Lech Walesa to accept that Sunday's election result was a defeat for Solidarity and to keep his promise to "suspend his activities" as leader of the banned union.

"Mr Walesa made a certain announcement to you", Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, told Western reporters, "and now he has a certain obligation. Ask him how he will carry out this obligation and observe how he will again try to slip away with lies."

Mr Walesa issued a statement before the elections declaring that he would consider the possibility of suspending his role as leader of Solidarity if the turnout indicated that the country did not support the Solidarity call for a boycott.

The official turnout figure, announced yesterday, was slightly under 75 per cent – less than in most Communist countries but sufficiently large for the Government to claim popular backing for its policies.

"Think twice before you quote his words" said Mr Urban, "because they are light as a feather and they dry more easily than dew drops. On Sunday it was a sensation for you that he went fishing (instead of voting). Ask him how many fish he caught. You may be sure that the answer will not be true." Mr Walesa has said that he will announce his plans for the future later this week.

Mr Urban said that voting in 85 polling stations had fallen below 50 per cent, which under the electoral law meant that there would have to be new elections in these local communities. In all 354 out of 103,000 mandates were left unfilled because of the poor turnout in these districts. A suprisingly high nunber of Catholic priests – 38 per cent – and five out of more than 80 Catholic bishops cast their vote. The priests include Army chaplains

Pretoria gives assurance on plan to cede land to Swazis

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa has given an assurance that it will not go ahead with plans to cede Swazi and Zulu tribal territory to neighbouring Swaziland unless it has the majority support of the people concerned.

This was stated in Cape Town, after the weekly meeting of the South African Cabinet yesterday by Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, the Foreign Minister. Government Officials added that it had not been possible to hold plebiscites in the areas in question because of fear of intimidation.

This statement of the Government's position was preceded by intense speculation that the cession plan, far from being shelved, was about to be reviewed – an impression reinforced by remarks made on Monday by Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, leader of South Africa's six million Zulus.

Chief Buthelezi, who is also the Chief Minister of the KwaZulu "Homeland", was summoned to Cape Town by Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister in charge of Black Affairs, and informed that a government-apppointed commission, which had been looking into the implications of the land deal, had been disbanded.

After the meeting, Chief Buthelezi spoke of his "foreboding fear" that the Government still intends to hand over KaNgwane and Ingwavuma to Swaziland as a pay-off to Swaziland for having entered into a (non-aggression) pact with South Africa in secret. He added: "I fear that the South African Government will continue to bludgeon black South Africa into political submission."

KaNgwane is the tribal "homeland" of South Africa's 750,000 Swazos (though less than a third of them actually live there), and it occupies territory adjoining Swaziland which the latter claims as *Terra irredenta*.

Ingwavuma is the northernmost region of KwaZulu, bounded on the North by Mozambique, on the west by Swaziland and on the east by the Indian Ocean. It has about 95,000 inhabitants of predominantly Zulu origin.

The non-aggression pact referred to by Chief Buthelezi was agreed between Swaziland and South Africa in February, 1982, but only recently disclosed.

The plan aroused strong opposition from South African Swazis and Zulus at the time and later ran into difficulties. More recently two senior figures in Swaziland closely involved with the negotiations with South Africa, Dr Sishayi Nxumalo, the Finance Minister, and Mr Richard Dlamini, the Foreign Minister, were dismissed from their posts in the jockeying for power that has gone on almost continuously since King Sobhuza's death.

Portuguese arrest 30 terrorist suspects

From Martha De La Cal, Lisbon

Suspected terrorists were arrested thhroughout Portugal yesterday by police and national republican guards. A police spokesman said 30 men and women belonging to the radical left party Forcas da Unidad Popular (FUP), were arrested, including the party leader, Senhor Pedro Goulart. The police also confiscated a number of military weapons.

The police claim that FUP is connected with the terrorist oragnization, Forcas Populares 25 de Avril, who have been responsible for 12 killings and numerous bank robberies within the past four years.

FUP officials deny any connexion

● CONFERENCE BAN – Portuguese police cut short a press conference yesterday by a Mozambican rebel spokesman during which he reported secret talks between insurgents and military officers of the former Portuguese East African colony.

The police said they were acting on an order by Senhor Eduardo Pereira, the Interior Minister, to ban the conference.

Senhor Jorge Correia, spokesman of the right-win Mozammbican National Resistance (MNR), who is a Portuguese citizen, said the action was unconstitutional; a violation of the right of free experssion.

Death sentence commuted for eight Tunisians

Tunis (Reuter) – President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia has reprieved eight youths sentenced to death for two murders committed during January's "bread riots" after widespread appeals in Tunisia and abroad for him to pardon them.

The sentences, handed down on May 26 at the end of a trial the legality of which was challenged by lawyers and opposition parties, were commuted to forced labour for life.

A Tunis criminal court had found the eight, aged between 18 and 22, guilty of the murder of two motorists who were stoned to death in separate incidents at the height of the rioting on January 3.

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Reckless driving sentencing practices not as severe as Lord Chief Justice wants

Regina v Boswell
Regina v Elliott (Jeffrey)
Regina v Daley (Frederick)
Regina v Rafferty

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment delivered June 19]

Courts were regarding the offence of causing death by driving recklessly as less serious than in fact it was – less serious than Parliament intended it to be and less serious than the public in general regarded it.

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when delivering the judgment of the court and giving sentencing guidelines and dismissing appeals against custodial sentences imposed on three appellants for offences of causing death by careless driving, contrary to section 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 as substituted by section 50(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977, and one appeal against sentence for reckless driving, contrary to section 2 of the 1972 Act as substituted.

James Thomas Boswell, aged 30, pleaded guilty at Lincoln Crown Court (Judge Hutchinson) to causing death by reckless driving, and was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and disqualified for seven years.

Jeffrey Terence Elliott, aged 17, pleaded guilty at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Argyle, QC) to taking a conveyance without authority, causing death by reckless driving, driving recklessly, damaging property on two counts: and on another indictment he pleaded guilty to driving a vehicle taken without authority: he was in breach of a probation order and was sentenced in total to three years' youth custody and disqualified for 10 years. On appeal the disqualification was reduced to seven years.

Frederick Daley, aged 24, pleaded guilty at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Tudor Price, Common Sergeant of London) to two counts of causing death by reckless driving arising out of the same incident and was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and disqualified for five years.

Robert Andrew Rafferty, aged 20, of Galway Road, Hasworth, Nottingham, was convicted after a plea of not guilty at Nottingham Crown Court (Mr Recorder B. R. Escott Cox, QC and a jury) to reckless driving and was sentenced to six months' youth custody and disqualified for five years.

Mr P. R. Morrell for Boswell; Mr James Wood for Elliott; Mr Ernie Money for Daley; Mr Andrew Robertson for Rafferty; all assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that their Lordships had determined to deal with the four cases together since they raised similar issues and it was a convenient moment for the court to give expression to their Lordships' views.

It was clear from the authorities that there was a great divergence of views among sentencers as to the correct approach to be adopted to cases of causing death by reckless driving. Punishment was imprisonment for up to five years and obligatory disqualification and endorsement. The kindred offence at common law of motor manslaughter carried life imprisonment.

In *R v Seymour* (*The Times* July 21, 1983; [1983] 2 AC 493) the House of Lords had analysed the distinction between the two offences, a distinction which was, to say the least, very tenuous.

Certain guidelines had been laid down by the Court of Appeal in *R v Guilfoyle* ([1973] RTR 272), when the offence was dangerous driving and the maximum sentence was two years' imprisonment.

The meaning of reckless in context was authoritatively settled by the House of Lords in *R v Lawrence (Stephen)* ([1982] AC 510), and it was clear that anyone guilty of causing death by reckless driving had to fall into the more serious category of offenders as described by Lord Justice Lawton in *Guilfoyle*.

To be guilty the defendant must have created an obvious or serious risk of causing serious physical harm and must either have given no thought to the possibility of that obvious risk or have seen the risk and decided to run it nevertheless.

It was impossible to say in advance what the proper sentence should be in any particular case. However, the court's duty was to reflect Parliament's concern and also the concern of the public.

Criminal statistics from 1980 to 1982 on the subject in the crown court had produced interesting and to some extent unexpected results. The offence was committed almost exclusively by males; the number of female defendants convicted was minimal.

Some 200 people fell to be sentenced annually, and the majority did not receive any custodial sentence. Of those who did receive a custodial sentence the large majority received six months and under, and almost all received 12 months or under.

Those figures seemed to their Lordships to show that the offence was regarded by the courts as less serious than in fact it was — less serious than Parliament intended it to be and less serious than the public in general regarded it.

It was trite to state, but his Lordship nevertheless stated it: the motor car was a potentially lethal instrument. Any driver who failed to realize that what he was doing at the wheel was creating a risk when to any ordinary person such risk would be patent or obvious, or, even worse, who saw the risk and nevertheless took a chance of avoiding disaster and so killed was *prima facie* deserving of severe punishment.

In many cases such punishment should involve the immediate loss of liberty.

Some of the factors which tended to aggravate the offence were:

1 Consumption of alcohol or drugs. That might range from a couple of drinks to what was described in *R v Wheatley* (Court of Appeal, unreported) as a "motorized pub crawl".

2 A driver who raced at a grossly excessive speed, showing off.

3 Disregarding warnings from passengers, which was a frequently occurring feature.

4 Prolonged, persistent and deliberate course of very bad driving – a person who over a lengthy stretch of road, jumped red lights, drove on pavements or on the wrong side of the road, at excessive speed in built-up areas, and so on.

5 Other offences committed at the same time, unlicensed driving and so on.

6 Previous convictions for motoring offences, particularly those involving bad driving or consumption of excessive alcohol before driving.

7 Where several people had been killed as a result of the offence.

8 Behaviour at the time of the offence – by example, failing to stop or, even more so, trying to throw off the victim from the car.

9 Causing death in the course of reckless driving in an attempt to avoid detection or apprehension.

On the other hand, some mitigating factors were:

1 A piece of reckless driving which was a "one off" piece, momentary – reckless – error of judgment, briefly dozing off at the wheel, such as in *R v Beeby* ((1983) 5 Cr App R (S) 56), or failing to notice a pedestrian at a crossing.

2 A good driving record.

3 Good character generally.

4 A plea of guilty would always be taken into account in favour of the defendant.

5 Sometimes the effect on the defendant, if he was genuinely remorseful, or shocked.

6 Where the victim was either a close relative or a close friend and the consequent emotional shock was likely to have been great.

Where there were no aggravating features present, a non-custodial penalty might be appropriate. Where aggravating features were present then a custodial sentence would generally be necessary.

Records showed that the general maximum term at present was about 12 to 18 months. It was not easy to see why that should be so.

Drivers who indulged, for example, in racing on the highway and/or drove with reckless disregard for the safety of others after taking alcohol should understand that in bad cases they would lose their liberty for two years or more.

It would be seldom that a community service order or a suspended or partly suspended sentence would be appropriate in the serious case.

By the same token that type of driver should be removed from the road by a long period of disqualification.

However, a distinction was to be drawn in disqualification between, on the one hand, offences such as driving while disqualified where there was no question of bad driving, and cases such as the present, on the other hand, where the essence of the crime was the actual manner of driving.

In the latter case, where the driver had shown himself to be a menace to others using the highway he should be debarred from driving for a substantial length of time. In the very worst cases seven to 10 years would not be too long.

Debarring defence to claim

Bearcard Property Management and Construction Co Ltd v Day

The effect of the wording of the proviso to rule 4(4) of Schedule 1 to the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1980 No 884) which enabled an industrial tribunal to debar a respondent from defending a claim if certain requirements were not complied with, was that the default had to have occurred before notice was sent to the party at fault giving him the opportunity of showing why he should not be debarred, and that where notice had been given one day before the expiry of time given to employers for providing particulars of their grounds for resisting an unfair dismissal claim, the industrial tribunal's order debarring them from defending the action was invalid.

Mr Justice Waite, sitting in the Employment Appeal Tribunal with Mr E. A. Webb and Mr J. D. Anderson on June 15 so stated when granting an employers' appeal from an industrial tribunal's order striking out their notice of appearance and debarring them from defending an employee's complaint.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Parliament had made it clear that any notice to be valid under the proviso must have been sent to a party "who has not complied with" the requirement. That meant that there had to be a default before any notice could be sent.

The procedure contemplated by the rule was that the party in default should be given the opportunity of making representations after the default had occurred.

In the present case the letter from the assistant secretary of the industrial tribunal asking the employers to state any reason why they should not be debarred had been sent the day before the time for complying with an order to furnish particulars had expired.

Mitterrand likely to maintain tough line during Moscow visit

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Talks between President Mitterrand, who flies to Moscow today for a three-day official visit, and President Chernenko will mark the first encounter between the French and Soviet heads of state since President Giscard d'Estaing's ill-timed talks with President Brezhnev in Warsaw in 1980, shortly after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

The Socialists' accession to power in France three years ago brought to an abrupt end the almost cosy Franco-Soviet relationship developed under President Giscard.

M Mitterrand: Talks end four year break

President Mitterrand was determined to show the French and the rest of the world that the presence of Communists in his Government did *not* entail ever closer ties with Moscow.

He immediately adopted a tough stance on European defence, giving strong support to the development of Nato missiles in Europe, sought closer ties with the United States and France's other partners in the Atlantic Alliance, and publicly condemned Soviet violations of human rights, the Afghanistan affair and interference in Poland.

M Mitterrand's decision to visit Moscow does not mean he has changed his position. He feels that, given the installation of Pershing and cruise missiles in Europe, he can now speak to the Russians with firmness from a position of relative strength. The presence of Communists in his Government is no longer a problem. He has shown that they have no effect on his foreign policy.

It is significant that there has been no criticism of the visit by the three main leaders of the opposition who, like M Mitterrand, believe that dialogue is important even in difficult periods – although they wonder why that should not apply to the South Africans, too. M Mitterrand declined to receive Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, during his recent visit to Europe.

The only real criticism has been from people like Mme Simone Veil, leader of the joint opposition list for the European elections. They are concerned lest the visit be interpreted as approval of the Soviet regime at a time when the lives of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet dissident, and his wife appear to be in danger.

The Soviet authorities have assured M Mitterrand that the Sakharovs' health is "satisfactory". M Mitterrand intends to take up their case and that of other political prisoners while in Moscow, but with little hope of securing their release. He has also been asked to take up the case of Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate.

M Mitterrand does not want his talks to be dominated by differences and tension between the two countries, however. He is determined that his visit should be seen as a success, and that means touching on areas where France and the Soviet Union have something in common, such as views on the Middle East, Namibia and Central America.

Trade will feature prominently in their discussion. France had a trade deficit with the Soviet Union last year totalling fr4,400m (£380m), half the record deficit of the previous year.

M Mitterrand may well seek a reduction in either the price or the quantity, or both, of the Siberian gas which France undertook to buy in a contract signed in 1982, one month after martial law was declared in Poland. Commercial relations between the two countries have not been allowed to suffer from ideological sensitivities. France is due to receive 8,000m cubic metres of Soviet gas by 1986 at a price well above market rates.

Sakharov photos published in Germany

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The mass circulation West German newspaper *Bild* yesterday published a picture of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet physicist, said to have been taken in Gorki on June 15 and showing him in apparent reasonable health walking in a park.

The paper also published a photograph of Mrs Yelena Bonner, Dr Sakharov's wife, taken in a street in Gorki on June 12. Mrs Bonner disappeared from the Sakharovs' Moscow flat last month.

Both pictures were supplied to *Bild* by Victor Louis, the only Soviet journalist to work for Western newspapers. *Bild* said they were intended to prove that Dr Sakharov, recently rumoured to be dead as a result of his hunger strike, was alive. President Mitterrand has come under strong pressure to cancel his visit to Moscow because of the Sakharov case, and the Soviet authorities have recently insisted that Dr Sakharov is in good health.

Mr Louis handed over the photographs in a Zurich hotel on Monday, and told the paper "I guarantee the authenticity of the photos. Sakharov must be completely healthy before the authorities allow him to be examined by an international doctors' commission." The picture shows the Nobel Peace Prize winner walking by some woods in a Gorki Park, wearing a woollen zip-fronted cardigan and carrying a raincoat over his arm. It is hard to determine his state of health from the picture, but he does not show obvious signs of his recent illness and hunger strike.

The picture of his wife shows her standing beside a car in a street, wearing a coat and headscarf.

West Berlin restores and remembers

Confronting the ghosts of a tragic past



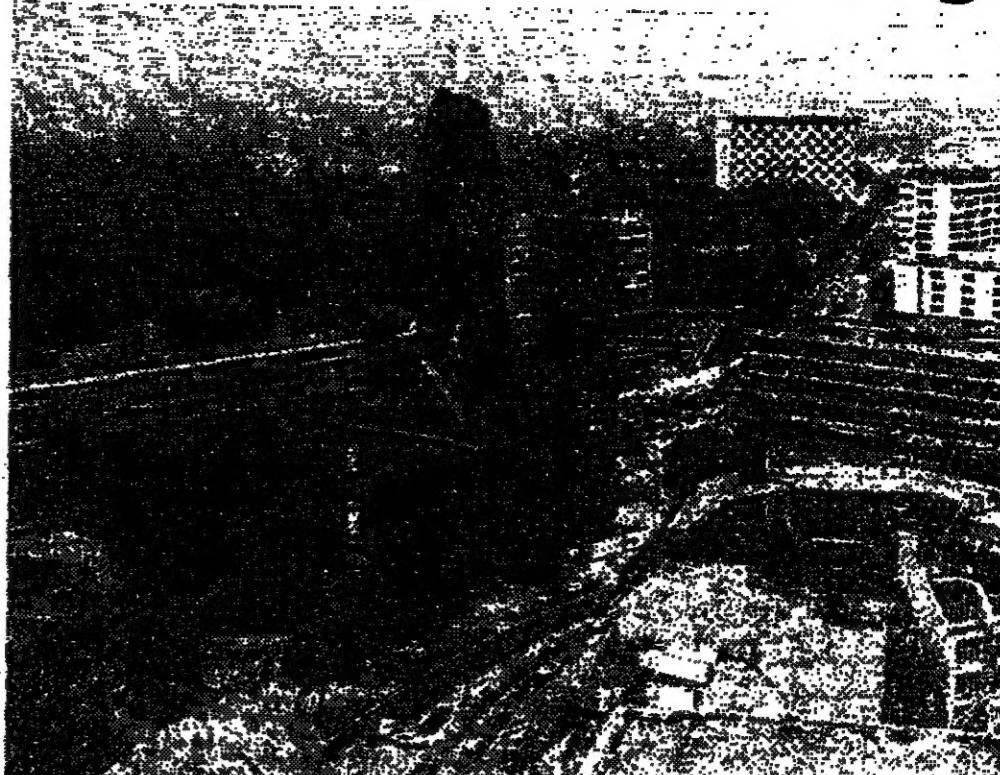
Berlin is unique among cities. This is the first of three articles in which Michael Binyon explores aspects of West Berlin.

This is a city of ghosts, a city where the past reverberates along the streets and around the buildings that survived the bombing, a city whose present and future is dominated by its magnificent and terrible history.

Few cities have so many books about their past: sepia photographs of the thrusting imperial capital, pictures recalling the turbulence and excitement of the Weimar days when Berlin was a world capital, an intellectual hothouse, a frenetic, reckless society finally engulfed by the street battles and the swastikas.

Countless books and permanent exhibitions also recall the apocalypse and "zero hour", when battered Berliners tried to pick themselves up again amid the mounds of rubble, and the divided and occupied city became a new cold war battleground. Nostalgia for the Weimar past and a shudder at what followed add a frisson to everything today in the walled and isolated western half of the city, symbolized by the broken stump of the Gedächtnis Church at the top of the Kurfürstendamm.

Marks of the battleground are everywhere: the shell pocked façades of the granite buildings that survived, the silent wasteland with the fragment of an imposing entranceway marking a once busy station, abandoned cobbled streets in the former centre with old tramlines that now lead only to the wall, photographs in an underground station of the bustling 1920s and of wrecked trains after the bombing.



High-rise and ruin: Gedächtnis Church in the Kurfürstendamm. Photograph: Bill Warhurst

Berlin lives, too, with its more recent past, with the wall and watchtowers, the blocked up underground stations under East Berlin, Checkpoint Charlie and the rusting enamel notices warning you that you are leaving the British or American sector.

Wherever possible, the city – on both sides of the wall – is now trying to restore what can be brought back to life of pre-war Berlin. The elephant gate to the zoo, for example, smashed in the bombing, is now being painstakingly recreated, the Reichstag has been rebuilt, at huge cost, though now it looks over a green field instead of the city square familiar from photographs of demonstrations in the 1920s and 1930s.

West Berlin's Senate has an ambitious plan to redevelop the former embassy quarter where the two abandoned symbols of the hubris of the former Axis allies decay among the wild flowers and grassy mounds.

The grandiose Japanese Embassy, complete with chrysanthemum above the marble entrance porch, was still being finished during the war even as the bombs began to fall. The Duce's similarly imposing monument to Fascist Italy near by is also abandoned, deserted but for a few rooms in one wing used by the Italian Consulate.

The Senate is trying also to bring back life to the blighted former centre, cut in half by the wall. The National Gallery and the Philharmonie Concert Hall are the kernel of future development, and West Berlin's takeover of the formerly East Berlin-controlled S-Bahn railway in the west means that something can at last be done about the overgrown sidings that sprawl over the city centre, recalling again the days when Greater Berlin once boasted one of the best urban rail networks in the world.

There is one site, however, that will never be restored. A site so redolent of horror that it has been left as abandoned wasteground since the last bombs fell. This is the headquarters of the Gestapo and the SS, the former Prince Albert Palace, from behind whose elegant classical façade the engines of death were directed and in whose cellars the screams of the tortured resounded.

Some years ago, the Senate decided to turn the site, hard by the Berlin Wall, into a memorial to all victims of Nazism. The area, now a heap of earth, was also to serve as a recreation park for the inhabitants of Kreuzberg near by.

A competition to pick a design that could unite these seemingly incompatible demands produced schemes from 194 artists and architects, most either macabre or unrealistic, such as a hole 150ft deep, or a field of corn or a sarcophagus and a huge sculpture of a "desk murderer".

The winning design, just announced, will be a paved park planted with chestnut trees, with the foundations of the old palace outlining cast iron plaques that will be embossed with copies of SS documents and symbolically seal for ever the horrors below in the cellars.

Until now, the main memorial to the victims of National Socialism, put up in the early 1950s, is built round the former execution cell in north-west Berlin where some 2,500 men, women and youths were hanged or guillotined during the Nazi period, including 89 of Count Claus von Stauffenberg's fellow conspirators against Hitler. The small bare room, with the metal beam and the hooks from which they were hanged, is still there, filled with flowers and wreaths saying "never again" and a site of pilgrimage for many of today's generation.

It will be the focus next month of the nationwide remembrance planned for the fortieth anniversary of the bomb plot. Yet again Berlin will be confronted with the ghosts of its tragic past.

Tomorrow: Airlift anniversary

Leader hopes to cash in on abolishing income tax



From Jeremy Taylor
Port of Spain

After only nine months of independence from Britain, St Kitts-Nevis is holding general elections tomorrow, the best part of a year early. It will be the first test of the federal system adopted last year by the two islands, which is seen as a possible model for other multi-island states in the Caribbean.

The Conservative Prime Minister, Dr Kennedy Simmonds, has been in power since 1980 with a one-seat majority, thanks to a coalition between his St Kitts-based People's Action Movement (PAM) and the Nevis Reformation Party (NRP). The price of Nevis's support both for Dr Simmonds and for independence last September was a federal constitution which gives Nevis substantial autonomy and the right to secede.

In addition to independence euphoria, Dr Simmonds is relying on his abolition of personal income tax – "the best thing we ever did" – and his promises of further economic diversification away from the islands' narrow base of sugar and low-key tourism.

The opposition Labour Party led by Mr Lee Moore, dislodged in 1980 after 28 years in power, claims that Nevis has been getting preferential treatment, and that the balance must be redressed in favour of St Kitts. Labour is promising a national minimum wage.

Mugabe and Thatcher to meet next month

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, is expected to have talks on the future of southern Africa with Mrs Margaret Thatcher in London next month.

He will be here for a Commonwealth Institute specialist conference on development in southern Africa, at which he will be making a key speech on July 19.

The recent visit to Britain by Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister of South Africa, would figure prominently in any talks. But Whitehall sources said last night that it was too early yet to confirm whether Mr Mugabe would meet Mrs Thatcher or Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, during his three-day stay here.

SPECTRUM

How close were human beings to the British nuclear tests in Australia? Evidence is emerging that servicemen – and even mentally handicapped civilians – were placed as close as one mile to the blast. In the last of their series on the bomb tests that went wrong **David Watts** and **George Brock** report on the new facts

The guinea pig ship: HMS Diana was fitted with crude air filters and decontamination equipment and sailed into the fallout cloud near the Monte Bello Islands

'A scream like nothing you've ever heard'

How near were human beings placed to the British nuclear explosions in Australia during the 1950s? Like so much other information on the tests, full details are only emerging many years later and very slowly.

A 1953 British Chiefs of Staff memo noted that: "The Army must discover the detailed effects of various types of explosion on equipment stores and men with and without various types of protection." The MoD explained this by saying that dummies and instruments, and not men, were placed close to the blast. In the words of MoD junior minister Mr Geoffrey Pattie: "The blast and thermal and radiation consequences of a nuclear explosion on man were determined by making measurements of the flux levels of various protected and unprotected positions using instruments and then calculating what the consequences of those flux levels would be for man."

The MoD later admitted that some men were stationed in a bunker 1½ miles from ground zero to give them "some experience of being close to an explosion." The Australian Department of Defence is currently investigating a claim that three servicemen were placed only one mile away during the second "Buffalo" test, codenamed Marcoo.

Veterans are asking for fuller accounts of how all tests were conducted

These last two disclosures were an advance on the last previous official British position put by Mr Pattie in March. He had then said that " it was decided to allow servicemen to experience the effects of nuclear explosions at ranges closer than previously allowed, and 200 United Kingdom servicemen were stationed at about eight kilometres up wind from ground zero." Yet the Australian Ionizing Radiation Advisory Council (AIRAC) report in January last year had already revealed that a group of men had been stationed in the open four kilometres from ground zero.

It is against the background of this steady seepage of changing information that the nuclear veterans associations in Britain, Australia and the United States are asking for fuller accounts of exactly how all such tests were conducted, for access to individual service health records and for a testing programme that takes full account of the different circumstances in which different groups of men found themselves.

A thorough inquiry would need to test allegations now being made for the first time by Australian service men who were at Maralinga that the tests there included secret experiments which have never been offically revealed.

Although he has never spoken about it before, for 28 years Mr Terry Toon has remembered a scream: "It was a helluva scream, like nothing you've ever heard", said Mr Toon. "It echoed right round the area."

Mr Toon and his fellow troopers with Seven Independent Field Squadron had been detailed to help the scientists to get into some bunkers after the blast in Operation Buffalo at the end of 1956. But they were not allowed near other bunkers and it was from one of these that the scream was heard.

One source who had access to the forward areas during these nuclear trials says that top secret tests were performed on the mentally subnormal. He did not see them but recalls: "They were brought in before One Tree (codename for the first of the four Buffalo explosions). One lot came into the rail siding at Watson and another lot was brought by air. They were kept in a special area off the main road running up to Maralinga village and south of the airfield. You couldn't see the building from the road.

"You couldn't see them but you could hear them. That unearthly babble mental patients make. After the second test you couldn't hear them any more."

Before he died of cancer 18 months ago, Warrant Officer Cliff Stuart, of Canberra, told his wife about the human tests. He had been responsible for the forward area during the Buffalo tests. "He said people were put into bunkers. He was very quiet about it. It upset him quite a bit because of the condition the people were in when they came out. He wouldn't say any more about it. He just said: 'One day all this will come out'."

Apart from the late Warrant Officer Stuart, no witness even claims to have seen the subjects of these experiments and the three people making these claims have waited nearly 30 years to speak.

The Ministry of Defence in Britain, which handles queries about the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston, continues to say that "no individuals were exposed to hazardous levels of radiation." Sir Ernest Titterton, a member of the Australian safety committee at Maralinga, told *The Times*: "I would stake my last sou that it is absolute nonsense."

But the allegations underline the fact that the public has learnt the details of the tests piecemeal. Here, for example, is another part of the story not told before.

The 1956 Monte Bello trials were remarkable for a top secret naval test which deliberately took the crew of a British destroyer into a fallout cloud. It was the first time such an exercise had been tried.

"The Navy requires information", said the Chiefs of Staff defence research policy committee in 1953, "on effects of various types of atomic explosions on ships and their contents and equipment." The destroyer Diana was refitted at Devonport naval dockyard before sailing to the South Pacific with a more powerful pumping and sprinkler system and crude air filters, the ship, which would carry decontamination equipment and scientists, was to sail as quickly as possible into the fallout cloud created by the Monte Bello tests, to judge the quality of the protection against radioactivity.

Mr Kenneth Black, then aged 18 and an engineering mechanic in the Diana, said that the crew was told that Diana was the first warship to have tried this. He said that after the ship had left the fallout zone and been "unsealed", they had been able to see contaminated coral dust on the deck and the areas it lay on had been put out of bounds.

Another Diana seaman, Mr Derek Addy, remembered trailing a device over the side nicknamed a "brute": a thick pole which floated upright in the water and tested radioactivity levels. A dingy full of scientific measuring equipment was left in the sea during the test. He was told that the ship had sailed through the cloud after both explosions.

Mr Howard Jones was a 27-year-old engine room petty officer in the ship and remembers that engine room personnel were equipped with special suits, so hot to wear sealed up that the boots would eventually fill with sweat. Along with other men thought to be at risk from contamination, he was taken to shower rooms, and washed down. A geiger counter reading showed a trace on his neck and he was washed again. His film badge dosimeter showed no unsafe exposure.

All three of these men have suffered serious health problems since then. None of them was officially shown as having been exposed to dangerous radiation and none of the problems can be conclusively linked to that risk. But if the Government's current statistical survey – which will not examine individual cases – does suggest that the risks were greater than originally realized, then men such as the crewmen on Diana, and in the forefront of the risk, deserve some of the most urgent consideration.

There are also Australian service men still alive who were similarly involved in what appear to have been "freelance" experiments by the military who wanted to take a rare opportunity to conduct such tests in "real" conditions. The morning after the second Mosaic blast in 1956, Australian service men were going ashore on the islands dressed in shorts and sandals to gather up equipment. Chief Petty Officer Bryant Mills was detailed to look for a tank that had been left in the blast area and to measure how far it had been blown. Mr Mills died in Adelaide last September, officially from respiratory problems, but his sister says that his health declined from the time of the tests.

After the announcement of the latest government survey on the veterans, a group of doctors from several hospitals wrote to *The Lancet* to criticize its terms of reference: "The service men present at the nuclear test explosions constitute a uniquely large sample of healthy young men who were at risk of exposure to ionizing radiation and among whom there now appears to be evidence of radiation-related effects.

Contaminated men were taken to the showers and washed down

"To examine as fully as possible their subsequent medical histories, access to a complete nominal roll of the total group of exposed persons is required, together with full disclosure of what is known about radiation exposure of the men on duty during these tests."

The experience of the men in HMS Diana supports their argument that a proper survey depends on detailed information on each group of men. The debate about the consequences of low-level radiation exposure is still not settled: discoveries made with the veterans may affect future safety.

Queensland, 2,000 miles east of the original blasts at Monte Bello, suffers occasional outbreaks of mysterious human and animal illnesses which still have not been explained. In 1979 Palm island off the Queensland coast suffered 150 cases of a mysterious illness. The island was in the path of more than one fallout cloud.

As David Alton, MP, said in one Commons debate on the subject: "The experience in the South Pacific 30 years ago may be crucial to human safety in future."

TALKBACK: THE FOOD SCANDAL

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With the present not unreasonable British distrust of experts and of governments, journalists like Geoffrey Cannon and paramedical workers like Caroline Walker are making an important contemporary contribution towards improving the health of the nation. Some details may well prove to be incorrect but the main message gets through clearly. The health of people in western countries is being seriously harmed by the wide choice of rich or over-refined foods which makes it so easy for individuals to exceed their appropriate needs for calories and nutrients.

Today there is so much "unwitting overnutrition", the phrase introduced by the late Surgeon Captain T. L. Cleave to whom we owe the whole concept of the hazards of over-refining foods. Apart from personal intolerances, no single food is intrinsically harmful and on special social occasions there is no real reason why we should not enjoy the deliciously rich and tasty dishes and do so without feeling guilty.

However, day by day we need a prudent regime with a bias against rich dishes, developing a savoury rather than a sweet tooth and having more unrefined cereal foods. This together with modest alcohol intake, more exercise and no cigarette smoking will go far to bring the present appalling epidemic of coronary heart disease under control as is already happening across the Atlantic. It will also reduce a number of troublesome medical maladies like gallstones, diverticulitis, obesity and diabetes which are known to be aggravated by the present-day choice of foods in western countries – and increasingly in the developing countries.

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The National Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education, collating world evidence to the best of its ability, made radical long-term recommendations on the British diet. They also offered, as a first stage, more modest, worthwhile, shorter-term proposals. The scientific validity of these can scarcely be in doubt, except perhaps that they were too moderate; translated into practice, however, they would bring about a major improvement in our typical diet. Professor Hoffenberg's reservations (June 15), though understandable in view of the extreme and even wild claims that are too prevalent, scarcely apply here. There is overwhelming evidence that the average British diet is far from optimal and it is entirely practicable to begin to remedy this.

These NACNE proposals now offer realistic targets for all concerned, including the food industry. Much of that (milk, for example) has been unenterprising in adapting to the new knowledge and to the growing public and professional concern and some of it, as Mr Cannon has illustrated, is corrupting the public taste, children's included, with fats, sugar and salt. These short-term proposals present an immediate challenge and opportunity to agriculture and the food industry.

The public is already moving with the new knowledge, albeit little and slowly in the absence of the necessary support; fortunately the media, as well as health education, is now providing abundant information. The new knowledge imposes a major new responsibility on parents in particular, for the establishment of habits of healthy living, which of course extend beyond nutrition, to exercise, smoking and alcohol. Lifetime health is at issue, not merely the avoidance of damage that may already become evident in childhood.

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Geoffrey Cannon's proposal that nutritional labelling on food should be made compulsory is one that we supoort unreservedly. The NHS could and should take the lead n encouraging healthy diets, not only by providing nutriuous fresh food in hospitals, but by utilising its enormous buying power. In New York, the Schools Project buys food only from manufacturers who agree to reduce the quantities of fat, sugar and salt in their products. The NHS could do the same on a much larger scale.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Recently, in this column, I offered you the prospect of an article on rape-fish. The response was unanimous. Nobody showed the slightest interest. Accordingly, in the true spirit of the column, I today give you an article on rape-fish, an article which will be rather instructive, very far-ranging and hardly amusing at all.

I must stress to begin with that there is no such fish as rape-fish. There is only a fish which the Spaniards think is called rape-fish, or at least those Spaniards who have to write out menus for travellers in four different languages. It can't be much fun, sitting with a stack of dictionaries late at night in your [illegible], trying to work out what the Germans, French or English will call your dishes. I noticed in one restaurant in Ronda that ox-tail had been translated into French as *queue de boeuf*. That restaurateur must then have gone to his French-Engish dictionary, because the same dish was offered in English as "beef-train".

But I digress, if changing the subject before you've got to it can be called digressing. The Spanish have a fish called "rape", pronounced rah-pay. This is most often translated nonsensically as rape-fish and never, presumabley, ordered by English visitors. But I also saw it translated as angel-fish, devil-fish and goosefish. And once, accurately, as monkfish.

Yes, this is the strange fish which has recently crept on to British menus as monkfish or – as we like to translate everything into French to make it taste better – *lotte* or *baudroie*. If we refer to Alan Davidson's wonderful books on fish, we find that its Latin name is *Lophius Piscatorius* and that it lies on the sea floor with a device not unlike a fishing-rod (with bait) dangling over its mouth. Any small fish that comes close enough to investigate is swallowed: hence its other name of angler-fish.

The head and body are not much used in cooking, only the tail. Indeed, in Venice, its tail is a great speciality and is known there as *coda di rospo*. This means literally toad's tail, and you will not be surprised to hear that Venetian restaurateurs who sit up late at night with their dictionaries trying to turn this into many languages often end up telling British visitors that they may order tail of toad, or even toadtrain. Presumably it is not much ordered under this name.

The great thing about monkfish tail, from the chef's point of view, is that there is a lot of flesh *and no bones*, apart from the central spine. This means that there is a nice supply of white meat which can be dished up as something else: lobster, says Alan Davidson, and Chinese king prawns, says my local fishmonger. Monkfish is a lot cheaper than lobster or king prawns. Say no more.

The Germans call it *Seeteufel*, or sea-devil, which presumably explains the occurrence of "devil-fish" in Spain. The Americans, who apparently do not eat it, call it goosefish.

The Marseillais, according to André Simon, call it *Crapaud de mer*, or sea toad, which links up nicely with the Venetian toad's tail. The Irish, it is good to learn, sometimes call it frogfish. And in some parts of the United States they are so impressed with its voraciousness that it has been called all-mouth, bellyfish or – most voracious of all – lawyer.

So there we are. Behind the simple word *lotte* on our trendy menus lies a fish which has reminded mankind of monks, anglers, devils, toads, frogs, geese, angels and lawyers. A versatile little fellow, I think you will agree, especially if he can masquerade as king prawns and lobster as well.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 372)

ACROSS
1 Thames/Cherwell city (6)
4 Powerful (6)
7 Askew (4)
8 51st psalm (8)
9 Bribe (8)
13 Nine-thonged whip (3)
16 Landing gear (13)
17 Perception (3)
19 Fire raiser (8)
24 Sprout (8)
25 Blackleg (4)
26 Despot (6)
27 Young fowl (6)

DOWN
1 Lambeth cricket ground (4)
2 Not permitted (9)
3 Discharge from service (5)
4 Harmonic sounds (5)
5 Micro-organism (4)
6 Earth (5)
10 Destiny (5)
11 Bring together (5)
12 Sacred Islam book (5)
13 Standard (9)
14 Quaker "you" (4)
15 Pleat (4)
18 Mournful song (5)
20 Criticize severely (5)
21 In the lead (3,2)
22 Second Greek letter (4)
23 Adjoin (4)

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

In the shadow of the throne

Some of the children of the Queen's family will always remain centre stage. Others will always appear on the edge of "royal" wedding photographs, as Alan Hamilton discovers

The Gloucesters

Duke with a vote

The last thing that Prince Richard of Gloucester expected was to inherit his father's royal dukedom. He was practising as an architect after graduating from Cambridge when his elder brother Prince William of Gloucester was killed in an air crash in 1972, and young Richard suddenly became heir.

A memorial to Prince William adorns the wall of the parish church at Barnwell in Northamptonshire, a thatched picture-postcard village whose overall neatness at once indicates that it belongs to a large estate. In the church porch, at the end of a private path from the manor 200 yards away, a wooden bench is a further memorial to the dead prince.

By virtue of their father's unexpected accession to the title, the three children of the Duke of Gloucester now find themselves twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth in line of succession to the throne. But that is already too far removed to be of any real relevance, and for their future they must look to the warm yellow stone walls of Barnwell Manor and its accompanying 2,500-acre estate.

Alexander Patrick Gregers Richard Windsor, Earl of Ulster, is the present Duke's eldest son and heir to the vast Barnwell estate, but he is yet only nine years old and a long way from assuming the mantle of a substantial country landowner. He will, in his time become Duke of Gloucester, but like the Duke of Kent's heir he will be a common or garden duke rather than a royal one; the title "His Royal Highness" stops with the grandchildren of King George V, of whom the present Duke is one.

The Gloucester children spend their weekdays in Kensington Palace, travelling to Barnwell at weekends to visit their grandmother, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester. Although the estate was bought by her late husband only about 50 years ago, the Princess was born a Montagu.

The present Duke's two daughters, Lady Davina Elizabeth Alice Benedikte Windsor, aged six, and Lady Rose Victoria Birgitte Louise Windsor, aged four, will have to marry above their station if they ever wish for a title grander than "Lady". The British aristocracy is particularly sexist towards its womenfolk.



The Gloucesters: (from left) the Earl of Ulster, Lady Davina Windsor and Lady Rose

The Michaels

The minor Lord Fred

Lord Frederick Michael George David Louis Windsor, born sixteenth in line of succession and now relegated to nineteenth, is five years old and known to family and friends as Lord Fred. He is much too busy learning to read at his London day school to ponder his future as an exceedingly minor royal.

His father, Prince Michael of Kent, younger son of the old Duke of Kent and grandson of George V whom he closely resembles with his full beard, forfeited his right to the throne under the 1772 Royal Marriages Act when he married a Roman Catholic, the Austrian Baroness Marie-Christine von Reibnitz. But the ban does not extend to his children, who are being faithfully reared in the ways of the Church of England.

At that distance, however, rights of succession are largely academic. Even Lord Fred's parents teeter on the very edge of the royal stage, and have been known to complain that they get no Civil List allowance despite their occasional public appearances. The by-no-means-clear criterion is whether duties are official, that is to say acting as the Queen's representative, or merely public, of the kind that could equally be conducted by a Lord Mayor or the local Rotary president.

The Michaels have a reputation, not entirely deserved, for being somewhat distanced from the rest of the royal family. Prince Michael is very much his own man, as shown by his refusal to bow to convention in his choice of a wife. The choice of name for his first-born is equally unconventional; Frederick fell out of royal favour as a name after the early death of "Poor Fred", George III's father, who was regarded as half-witted.

Lord Fred's three-year-old sister has an equally unusual handle, and the Austrian influence is plain; Lady Gabriella Marina Alexandra Ophelia is known for convenience as Ella. With the birth of the Princess of Wales's next baby, Ella will descend to twenty-first in line of succession.

Their father was 18 years an Army officer, and is now in the City as a director of Standard Telephones and Cables, the British branch of the American multinational ITT. He has no title to hand on to his children beyond the courtesy appellations Lord and Lady; only some money and a rather pleasant house at Nether Lypiatt Manor, at Stroud, in the packed royal corner of Gloucestershire.



The Austrian influence: Lord Frederick (left) and Lady Gabriella Windsor, children of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent

The Kents

The 'big name' girl

Lady Helen Marina Lucy Windsor, 20-year-old daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, had the distinction of being the first royal baby to use the surname of the British royal house. Those close to the throne are of course Windsors, and more recently Mountbatten-Windsors, but those at such elevated levels do not employ a surname.

But her distinguished family name has not prevented Lady Helen from slipping six places in her lifetime to her current position as eighteenth in the line of succession. With Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, an exact contemporary and a close friend, she shares the gossip-column limelight as the most glamorous of the peripheral royals, with her skin-tight babyless trousers and her regulation pack of Marlboro cigarettes, currently *de rigeur* among all female Sloanes.

After schooling at St Mary's Convent, Wantage, where she was three classes ahead of Marina Ogilvy, Lady Helen finished her formal education as one of 20 girl sixth-formers in the robustly masculine environment of Gordonstoun; where she was a contemporary of Prince Edward, but where academic achievement was not her forte.

She managed a single A level, in art at C grade, and followed the course of many a smart young lady in joining Sotheby's in Bond Street for a three-month art course. She went off to France to pursue her art studies, and is currently back in London studying French at the Institut Francais. Her numerous boy-friends, and a long-standing liaison, now over, with an Edinburgh University student, earned her the popular press soubriquet of "The Royal Raver".

That apart, she is one of the most attractive of her set, taking after her mother, the stunningly elegant Katherine Worsley, Duchess of Kent. The piercing blue Windsor eyes make her lineage unmistakeable. Nevertheless she is unlikely to be called to public life; there are just about enough glamorous young female royals ahead of her. Only marriage can elevate her above her current title of "Lady".

Her elder brother George, Earl of St Andrews, lying sixteenth in line of succession, can at least look forward to inheriting the title Duke of Kent on his father's death. But he will be an ordinary duke, not a royal one; the present Duke, being the grandson of King George V, is the last generation of that particular line who can call himself "His Royal Highness".

George showed early academic promise, being the first royal to become a King's Scholar at Eton. But the talent faded temporarily and he left with only two low-grade A levels. A period at a Cambridge cramming school reactivated the grey matter, however, and he is now in the second year of a three-year degree course at Downing College, Cambridge, studying history.

The youngest child of the Kent family, Lord Nicholas Charles Edward Jonathan Windsor, aged 13 and currently seventeenth in line of succession, is quietly pursuing his studies at Westminster School away from the public gaze.

All the Kent children will have to work for their living, and the current Civil List allowance paid to the Duke of Kent as a contribution towards his public duties will undoubtedly be extinguished on or before his death. The Duke, many years a soldier, is now vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, and his public duties tend to reflect his interest in British industry and technology. He retains the rank of Major-General, and is a non-executive director of British Insulated Callenders Cables.

Seven years ago the family sold Coppins, their house at Iver, Buckinghamshire, that had once belonged to Princess Victoria. They retain an apartment at York House, St James's, but the Kent family seat, which will in due season pass to the Earl of St Andrews, is now at Anmer Hall, near King's Lynn.

Lord Snowdon



Royal glamour: Lady Helen Windsor, her elder brother George, Earl of St Andrews, (top) and Lord Nicholas

The Ogilvys

Edge of the stage

Of all the royal children the Ogilvys strut their hour closest to the edge of the royal stage. Indeed, with the dedicated connivance of their parents, they have grown up almost entirely in the unseen shadows of the wings, and it is there they are likely to remain in pursuit of relatively normal, if comfortable, citizenship.

Their mother Princess Alexandra, daughter of King George V's fifth child, was herself a peripheral royal who happened to reach maturity at the same moment that Elizabeth II ascended the throne in 1952. The number of available royals to share public engagements was sparse and Alexandra was recruited to the public circus, not least because of the esteem in which the public held her mother, the late Princess Marina of Kent.

Thirty years in the public eye have won Alexandra unstinting affection as a woman of unstuffy charm and classical physical beauty, regal of presence but more accessible than her distant first cousin.

Yet she has no title to hand on to her children. Alexandra's father was the Duke of Kent, but that title has gone to her elder brother and his heirs.

Her husband, the Hon Angus Ogilvy, is also a second son. His father was the Earl of Airlie, but Angus too has an elder brother who has taken that title for himself and his heir, and with it the family seat of Cortachy Castle at Kirriemuir in Scotland.

The present earl, chairman of Schroders Bank, has just been appointed Lord Chamberlain.

So Angus too has nothing to leave his offspring but vulgar money. Educated at Eton, followed by a three-year commission in the Royal Scots Greys immediately after the war, Angus Ogilvy has spent his working life as "something in the City"; a clutch of directorships is currently headed by seats on the board of Metropolitan Estate and Property Corporation, Rank, and Sotheby's.

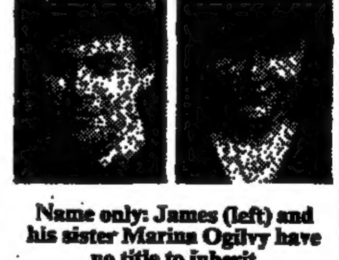
The Ogilvys do not even own their principal home, Thatched House Lodge in Windsor Great Park, but lease it from the Crown.

James Robert Bruce Ogilvy, born on Leap Year Day 1964 as thirteenth in line of succession but now relegated to twentieth and will retain the title of plain Mister. His sister Marina Victoria Alexandra Ogilvy, born seventeenth in line but now demoted to twenty-third, is an unadorned Miss.

James, now 20, followed his father to Eton where he managed to collect three A levels, but at insufficiently high grades to secure a place at Oxford. His parents despatched him to a high-class crammer, where he made enough progress to gain admission to St Andrews University in Fife.

The university, founded in 1410, is the senior of the four ancient Scottish universities. James is likely to follow his father into the City, where any number of financial institutions will be more than willing to hire him, for his connexions as much as his ability.

His sister Marina, 17 this year, will shortly leave St Mary's Convent School at Wantage, Oxfordshire, where she has gathered all her secondary education. She will leave without any A levels, and much of the summer will doubtless be spent in parental discussion on some relatively gentle form of further education, as yet undecided.



Name only: James (left) and his sister Marina Ogilvy have no title to inherit

Neither of the children has performed any public duties, nor are they likely to. The Ogilvys have been particularly keen to keep them out of the public gaze, particularly after kidnap threats during their earlier schooldays. As there are now more than enough royals much closer to the throne to share out the public appearances, the Ogilvy children are unlikely to find a place on the Civil List, and will quietly slip off the edge of the royal stage into the relative anonymity of a well-connected and well-heeled private life.

It is their fate, if fate it be, to appear at the edge of photographs of future weddings of the royal cousins, and to have the onlooker puzzle: "Who's that?"

MEL CALMAN'S AFFAIRS OF THE HEART



A very unfunny thing happened to me on the way to *The Times* a few weeks ago. My doctor told me that I'd had a heart attack. Trust me not to notice. The trouble with being a hypochondriac is that you're so busy worrying about your health, you don't notice the fact that you've had a heart attack.

I had been feeling out of breath when indulging in heavy exercise – like going to the bathroom. And so I'd gone to my doctor for reassurance. "Just tell me I'm OK please", I said. Instead of bland reassurance I got an ECG and this deafening news about a heart attack. "A minor episode", the GP called it. Well, it may have been minor to medical science – but it felt extremely major to me, I can tell you.

"I want you to go to hospital for a check-up", he said.

"Tomorrow", I said. "I must go to work now. They're holding the front page and its a very heavy thing to hold for longer than ten minutes".

"Go now", he said, "and pack a bag as I expect they'll invite you to stay". That's the trouble with having so much charm: people keep asking one to stay.

I went home and packed a bag. I wondered if I should ring my lawyer and make a will. Don't be so silly, I said to myself and concentrated on choosing some books to take with me for company. Nothing seemed suitable. Tolstoy seemed too serious and P. G. Wodehouse too frivolous. I settled for Bemelman's *Life Class*. It always makes me laugh – and the title had suitable overtones. I was, as you can see, getting into the right cosmic frame of mind.

It was now six o'clock in the evening and the casualty department was not too busy. I tried to phone a friend but the only two phones there were broken. I remembered they were broken the last time I was there about six years ago. If only British Telecom spent less time on Communications and more on telephones...

A young doctor of about 23 examined me and studied a fresh ECG. "You might have had a heart attack or you might not. I'll show this to a more senior doctor". He smiled. I didn't. "Won't be long", he said and disappeared for an hour. I lay there, all undressed and shivering with panic on a sort of trolley. I felt like an uncooked fish, waiting for the chef's verdict on how they wanted me served.

A passing nurse remembered my name from the old days when she had been a cashier at my bank, and on the strength of this emotional involvement, offered to get me a cup of tea. She then pulled up the sides of my trolley and I was trapped like a six-year-old in a cot.

While I waited I examined my life and I did not pass. I wanted to get my book but the effort of unlocking the bars of my trolley seemed beyond me. I wanted my Mummy and I remembered that she'd gone to the Great Cartoonist in the Sky many years ago. If I get out of this place I said to Him Up There, I will be so GOOD. I will eat up all my fibre and take regular exercise, like all the colour magazines say one should. And I will even help old ladies across the road – not just the pretty ones with nice legs.

Him Up There did not reply. As usual he was either not there, or engaged talking to someone else. God is a bit like British Telecom – too busy with astral satellites to bother with mere mortals like you and me.

The Senior Doctor arrived. He was all of 25 years old. He also smiled. He thought I might have had a heart attack some weeks ago. "A minor episode", he said. Well, if I had learned nothing else this night, it was this new wonderful phrase that covered major fears. I could hardly wait to try it out on someone else.

"Have you any chest pains?" he asked. "No", I said firmly. "You can go home then. Come back to the clinic on Monday." I dressed quickly before he could change his mind. The time was nearly ten o'clock. I had spent the longest four hours of my life without my clothes on. And it wasn't as much fun as some of the other things you can do without any clothes on.

Several weeks and doctors later I got my instructions. Lose weight. Stop all cholesterol. Take exercise. So it is goodbye to cakes and hello to running shoes. I will report further. I hope to get fit and I expect to hate every minute of it.

Mel Calman

CALMAN'S FACT SHEET:

Age: 53 (52 when he had the heart attack

Height: 5ft 7½ins

Weight: 11st 8lb (when he started the diet

THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole

Milk mountains and lakes have to be good for something and they are. They are good for yogurt. Ultra-heat-treated (UHT) milk is unspeakably nasty in tea, and really not very nice to drink as it is. But fortified with a spoonful or two of dried skimmed milk it makes thick, creamy yogurt which has a fresh yet mild taste.

What most often "goes wrong" with home-made yogurt is that its texture is too watery and its taste too tart. Both are easily remedied. The texture problem is solved by adding dried skimmed milk powder and the flavour is softened by shortening the setting or incubation time.

No special equipment is needed to turn milk into yogurt. It is simply a controlled souring process using one of the bacteria which occur naturally in untreated milk. Lactobacillus bulgaricus produces the taste most people like best and it can be added to milk in the form of a powdered starter bought from a health food shop, or more simply still, in a spoonful of natural, unpasteurized yogurt – your own in the case of second or subsequent batches.

Incidentally, all yogurt is "live", as it says on so many cartons, unless it has been pasteurized after the milk has been turned into yogurt. So most commercially produced plain yogurts can be used as a starter.

To make yogurt without a machine requires only that the mixture of milk and starter is kept warm and still until it has set. This can be done by setting a covered bowl in a warm airing cupboard, or by pouring it into a wide-necked vacuum flask, closing it tightly, and leaving for three or more hours, until it has set.

The bacteria used to make yogurt will not multiply at temperatures below 32°C/90°F, and are destroyed by temperatures above 46°C/115°F. They grow best between 40°C and 43°C/105°F and 110°F. If this cannot be checked with a thermometer a good guide is to dip a finger into the cooling milk. If you can hold your finger in it to a count of 10, and the milk still feels hot, it will probably be about right.

Lastly, jogging is bad for yogurt. It does not like to be disturbed while it is incubating. Nudging or jostling will cause it to separate.

Thick, natural yogurt
Makes 1 litre/1¾ pints

1 litre (1¾ pints) UHT milk
4 tablespoons powdered, skimmed milk
1 tablespoon natural yogurt or powdered starter as directed

Put the milk in a pan and heat it to just below boiling. Remove it from the heat at once and set it aside until it has cooled to 40°C to 43°C/105°F to 110°F. Add the powdered skimmed milk and the yogurt or powdered starter and whisk the mixture lightly.

Pour the milk into jars or bowls, cover and incubate at the same temperature until the yogurt has set. This can take as little as three hours or as long as eight.

As soon as the yogurt is firm, chill it thoroughly to arrest the working of the bacteria and retain its mild, fresh taste.

To stabilize yogurt so that it can be added to hot food without curdling, it must be heated again and cornflour added. Once stabilized the yogurt will keep for up to two weeks in the refrigerator, and it is a useful standby for adding to soups and sauces.

Stabilized yogurt
Makes 1 litre/1¾ pints

1 litre (1¾ pints) natural yogurt, home-made or bought
1 tablespoon cornflour

Pour the yogurt into a pan and whisk it until it is liquid. Add the cornflour and whisk it in till thoroughly blended. Bring the yogurt slowly to the boil, stirring it. Simmer it for 10 minutes, then cool it as quickly as possible. Chill and use as needed.

What could be simpler than a hot baked potato and a cool dressing of yogurt mixed with spring onions and herbs? It even looks prettier than a big knob of butter.

Onion and herb relish
Serves four to six

300ml (½ pint) natural yogurt
8 spring onions, sliced in rings
8 tablespoons finely chopped herbs – parsley, coriander, tarragon, sorrel, thyme etc.
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Mix together the yogurt, onion, herbs and seasonings and chill for an hour or so allow the flavours to develop. Serve with freshly baked potatoes.

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Almost no race

The GLC yesterday telephoned *Sunday Times* journalist Jane Bird telling her not to bother turning up to judge its "anti-racist" competition to produce new video computer games, which the GLC promoted to the tune of £15,000. "We've already picked the winners", said Patricia Devine, the GLC's organizer. Could this be a fix? No, said Miss Devine; the GLC received only four entries – two of which were so bad that Ken Livingstone, who was to have been one of Jane's five fellow-judges, is too ashamed to display them. He has nevertheless decided to award one of the games – which lasts only one minute – a cash booby prize; the other broke the contest rules. The inventors of the two "passable" entries will receive prizes of £500 each from Livingstone ... at a ... cere mony on Friday.

Heavy handed

Given the chippiness of Canadians, I am loath to explain why I accidently described their future prime minister yesterday as John "Chick" Murray, instead of using his proper surname Turner. I fear I was thinking of Chick Murray's, the Edinburgh pub, on whose Heavy I was weaned.

• I am assured that the editors of the new Macmillan *Guide to Britain's Nature Reserves* realize the mammoth is extinct, even though it appears in the book's index. An over-zealous computer, working through the text, seized upon a sentence beginning: "This guide is a mammoth work . . ."

Call of God

The quiescence of the nation's churchmen under a double dose of American evangelism ended this week with an extraordinary public clash between Luis Palau and Lord Soper. Palau, currently holding forth in evangelical rallies at the Queen's Park Rangers stadium, became incensed by Lord Soper's reference to "30-minute conversions" on an LBC *Nightline* phone-in, and called in to complain. Soper immediately accused Palau of practising "ecclesiastical fascism" in his fundamentalist adheranceto the Bible. Palau called Soper's name-calling "slipshod" and asked: "Who should I stick to? Lord Soper?" Soper responded: "I think that would be on the whole preferable", leading the American to accuse him of putting himself in the place of God. Finally, Palau said he would visit Soper at Speakers' Corner on Sunday if he would visit QPR. Yesterday, Soper told me he has no intention of making the trip. "It would be used as propaganda", he explained.

Female fringe

As offending blackballers at Pratt's are being routed out and asked to resign, I hear a drama of equal proportions is raging at the Athenaeum. The club is proposing to hold a referendum to admit women members. I am told that not least among the arguments for such a preposterous move is that the club (membership £300 a year) needs the cash. Until now, the female thrill has been strictly limited to partaking of its public school style grub in the main dining room, where women may be escorted in the evenings only. During lunch, women guests are confined to the "annexe".

Classical lines

Following my item last week about the Tory EEC candidate whose election address map had annexed East Germany and Liechtenstein, a Kent reader sends me his local Liberal candidate's leaflet in which the map ousts Greece. But there was no mistake; agent Chris Lewcock tells me Greece was aesthetically awkward for the artist. "It seemed the neatest and easiest thing was to leave it out." The Greek community will be relieved to hear candidate Peter Billenness limped home a poor third.

'He's the pits'

Scargill is "destroying the coal industry single-handed. He's the Labour movement's neatest equivalent to a First World War general." Not MacGregor's words, nor Thatcher's. They were made in a private conversation by Neil Kinnock to Newsnight's reporter Robert Harris, who plans to publish them in his forthcoming biography of the Labour leader. Kinnock is further quoted as saying it was "the strutting demagogy" of a "bullying" Scargill speech denouncing critics of Tony Benn as traitors to socialism that persuaded him not to vote for Benn in the crucial 1980 deputy-leadership elections. Small wonder, then, that the Labour leader has not made common cause with the striking miners.

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Tomorrow is another debt

By Lord Lever

The conspiracy of wishful thinking on the international debt crisis is breaking down. At last week's summit the world's leaders reluctantly and imperfectly recognized that there is a crisis for the resolution of which they share responsibility.

The big western banks have a lending exposure to the poorer countries amounting to nearly three times their total capital and reserves. A good part of this debt, realistically judged, is in default. But banks and debtors alike have avoided acknowledging this by the process of rescheduling – of necessity accepting promises for the future to replace those that presently cannot be met.

When this bank lending was originally undertaken, nobody really gave thought to how the interest and capital repayments would be met. Looked at in total, a debtor country can pay its debts only by running a surplus on its trading account. However, an individual bank's operations are not based on such macro-economic calculation. Indeed, until fairly recently, individual banks had only the haziest notion of the totals being borrowed by any one country.

In my experience, whenever this matter was discussed by governments or bankers between 1974 and 1979, it was assumed that there would be refinancing rather than genuine repayment, i.e. that there would always be fresh credits available to meet interest and capital obligations and that no actual transfers of resources from the debtor countries would be required.

There was occasional talk of vast oil or raw material resources, as with Mexico and Brazil, but figures were vague and there was no mention of the number of poor people who had to be maintained from them. These debtors countries have vast populations, low income per head and chronic political problems. Any notion that they could organize their affairs to generate trading surpluses sufficient to service their debts within a commercial time scale must be based on wishful thinking, not on calculation or experience.

Any judgment on the economic and political feasibility of debtor countries at some distant date making payment in real terms must depend, too, on another question! Can the lending countries themselves accommodate the export surplus of the debtors that would be required? This would create adjustment problems for the creditor countries far larger than those raised by the present Japanese export surplus and would create difficulties reminiscent of those raised by the reparations that bedevilled the world's economy and politics after the First World War.



Bankers like Walter Wriston and his followers were shrewd enough to see that interest payments in real terms would not be made within a banker's time scale. Their mistake was to believe that debts of this size could be serviced indefinitely by fresh borrowing. Their arguments erroneously attempted to equate the extenal borrowing by impoverished countries with the state debt – internal – of the world's richest countries.

Far from it being true that sovereign borrowers never defaulted, the history of past lending across frontiers is one where genuine repayment of debt and interest is the exception, not the rule. But the OECD governments were anxious to escape responsibility for supporting and disciplining this borrowing, and the governments of the borrowing countries were anxious to enjoy unlimited and unconditional credit. Both were ready to share Mr Wriston's delusions of indefinite painless finance. Delusions widely shared have much the same impact as fact – but only temporarily. Real life ultimately breaks in and finance dries up.

Where there is no convincing prospect of service of debt in real terms, the borrowing has the structure and hence the stability of a chain letter. It is inevitable that credibility will be lost at some point.

But can we not continue to muddle through? It is true that at present the debtors, under the pressure of established IMF practice, are producing a trading surplus which pays a fraction of the interest on the debts. These net transfers of resources from the debtors to the creditors have been bought at the cost of economic setback and grave risk to political stability of the debtor countries. These negative transfers are too small to restore confidence but large enough to do serious damage to the debtors' economies and societies. They are neither desirable nor sustainable.

Western governments have increased somewhat the finance available to the IMF. But the heart of present refinancing arrangements is the "involuntary lending" by the banks. Involuntary lending is only a cosmetic, concealing default or postponing its acknowledgement as the creditor is obliged to roll-over the defaulted interest. This charade of debt service cannot for much longer permit the banks to treat the defaulted debts as performing assets. Rescheduling is not a substitute for market credit. It does not produce any real payment to the creditor.

If there is no reliable prospect of service of these debts in real terms, or finance from the market within a commercial time scale, then the choice presented to our governments, to bankers, and to the debtors in the immediate future is brutally clear. They must either bring into being a system which genuinely refinances at least the interest due on the debts or face default with its calamitous consequences to creditors and debtors.

Central banks have organized energetic emergency action. Fire brigades, however, may be overwhelmed by outbreaks and much unnecessary damage will be done before their arrival unless something is done to reduce the risk of fire breaking out.

Governments must now organize with the use of all their institutions, such as the central banks, the IMF and the export credit insurance departments, that combination of public purpose and private finance which was always required both to regulate and protect the banking system and to apply commercial disciplines to the borrowers. The minimum required for safety is to provide sufficient funds to enable the debtors to pay their interest to the banks in the years ahead.

Given a guaranteed flow of interest, the banks would be expected to make realistic write-downs of the questionable debts over, say, a 10 year to 15-year period. This is not "bailing out" the banks – the write-down would impose heavy but manageable losses upon them.

Much comment on this subject ignores the fact that in all civilized countries, and in the most vigorous market economies, banks are not controlled by insolvency but by regulation – and for obvious reasons. The governments and the banks were in this lending together, and only together can they come out of it without the gravest damage to the financial and economic systems of creditors and debtors alike.

Governments will not knowingly choose to accept the bankruptcy of the Western banking system or that of the debtor countries. But if they fail to see and understand the choice between bankruptcy and adequate support, until it is too late, we may witness the creation of an unmanageable momentum of crisis. Though the sums involved in present problems are large in relation to the resources of banks and their debtors they are tiny in relation to the world economy. The whole of the developing countries' debt to the banks is little more than one year's potential growth of the OECD economies.

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Battle march to a French tune

As President Mitterrand arrives in Moscow, Michael Tatu (left) continues our series on the 35th anniversary of Nato with an analysis of the French approach to East-West relations

In the past three years, France has surprised her neighbours by being apparently immune to the "pacifist" wave so noticeable in other European countries, by supporting the Nato TNF decision more actively – especially with the leftist government of François Mitterrand – than the other Atlantic allies, and by renewing, and in some cases by reinforcing her pledge to the alliance at a time when other aired doubts and bad feelings about it. Why is it so?

To be sure, this support has to be qualified by a very heavy caveat indeed: it is easier to approve deployment of new weapons when those weapons are destined to other countries, not to one's own country, to hail an alliance when one has taken distance from it and renounced any direct subordination to it. Except for a few isolated voices, France's approval of the Pershing and cruise missile deployment has never gone as far as to claim acceptance of even a few of those missiles on French territory.

As far as Nato is concerned, the French consensus has been even more monolithic on one point: there is no question for Paris to come back into the integrated command. On the contrary, the whole evolution in western Europe has convinced the French – the political elite as well as the average citizen – that de Gaulle was right with his two basic decisions of the 1960s: the withdrawal of Nato command and its counterpart, and the creation of an independent nuclear force.

The first decision is now seen more as an anticipation of the present illness of Nato structures than what it was at the time: an affirmation of French independence and a rebellion against the "Anglo-Saxons". If the Germans, the Dutch, and in some degree the British people have today second thoughts about American protection, so goes the reasoning in Paris, it is because the present Nato structure, with heavy American power and strategy, has deprived them of the necessary feeling of responsibility for their own defence.

That is why, even if a growing tendency among the French establishment pushes in favour of a stronger commitment towards the European allies (the constitution of a rapid deployment force, able to be used in Germany, goes in that direction), the mood remains hostile to any Nato integration: it is rather Nato which has to come closer to France.

De Gaulle's decision, about the French nuclear force, is more than ever an article of faith. To be sure, some questions are raised, but the acceptance of what used to be called the "force de frappe" has not been questioned since the parties of the left accepted it in 1977.

Since that time Francois Mitterrand supported the nuclear military program with a double zeal, without even the slight hesitations which Giscard d'Estaing demonstrated about nuclear doctrine in the first years of his term.

As far as public opinion is concerned, a large consensus is in favour of the nuclear deterrent, based upon premise that this force remains in French hands, and that there is not too much debate about its use.

In fact – and some critics speak about a new "Maginot line" – the average citizen is satisified with the presence of this ultimate and national guarantee to French security, but prefers to think that it will not be used at all, that this weapon is a "non-war" weapon. Opinion polls testify that in case of a Russian agression "negotiations" will be preferable to a nuclear war for many French people.

The fact remains that the possession of nuclear weapons by France and, more than that, the considerable development of a French nuclear arsenal in the years to come does not run into any significant opposition. "Unilateral disarmament" and the strong emphasis in West Germany and Scandinavian countries put on arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union, has no deep roots in France.

Maybe the Roman Catholic cultural background, with its tradition of a strong hierarchical church closely connected with the state and its defence imperatives, gives part of the explanationfor the absence of an anti-nuclear movement in France.

France has been often the odd man out in Europe as far as the evolution of opinion is concerned. This has been the case with the ideas of the French revolution at the beginning of the last century, with the ideas of "social Catholicism" at the beginning of this one, and with the perception of socialism and the Soviet Union not so long ago, at the early age of the Atlantic alliance.

At a time when Stalin's totalitarianism was anathema for most people in western Europe, the French intelligentsia, heavily influenced (if not intellectually terrorized) by a strong Communist Party, leant overwhelmingly to the left, a left for which there was no salvation outside the communist and "progressive" "camp". American "imperialism", anti-communism and anti-Sovietism were indentified with fascism and Nazism; the most reasonable option for some "moderate" intellectuals was sort of neutralism between East and West. A pro Nato stand was not fashionable at all.

Now all this has changed, again out of tune with neighbouring countries. Now, when the previously anti-communist intellectuals of Germany or the Netherlands question the legitimacy of the Atlantic alliance and look with a much greater indulgence on the Soviet Union and her positions in Europe, the French leftist intelligentsia has broken its sentimental ties with Soviet "socialism", which has become the main enemy instead of the model.

This is not to say that there is no real or potential problem. First, French immunity to the pacifist mood has been due principally to the strong and personal commitment of Francois Mitterrand, as president, to a strong defence and to a tough line towards the Soviet Union. Without him, or simply with a return of the Socialists into the opposition, the way will be open to a more "peaceful" trend through the combined action of three currents of opinion: the pro-Soviet Communist line, the "anti-military" mood of remnants of the radical left and the traditional leanings of old-time socialists towards disarmament talks and "collective security".

Secondly, some dogmas of original French doctrines are likely to be eroded under the influence of new technologies and debates about credibility. Thirdly, the problem of "European defence", more precisely the implementation of the concept of "extended deterrence" to German territory, has yet to find a satisfactory answer.

But most of these questions remain a matter for specialists. French public opinion at large is not really worried. It will remain so at least as long as French nationalism remains broadly satisfied, as de Gaulle wanted it.

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Songs of innocence and bitter experience

"Songs have overthrown kings and empires", Anatole France declared grandly. He did not cite any evidence for his claim, but certain songwriters have long believed that popular music could change the course of history. In 1946, People's Songs Inc. was formed in America for the express purpose of promoting the "use of songs as a weapon". Admittedly, the organization collapsed after three years, but its philosophy continues under new crusading composers.

According to some in the British music world, political songs are now back in fashion. There is the recent hit by The Special AKA, Nelson Mandela; the current single by Human League, "The Lebanon"; and the new release by Frankie Goes To Hollywood, "The Tribes", whose (supposedly) controversial video shows lookalikes of Presidents Chernenko and Reagan locked in combat.

Politicians often despair at the lyrical naiveté of such records, but more sophisticated observations on political subjects rarely have any impact. A few months after the Nationalists took office in South Africa in 1948, Kurt Weill and Maxwell Anderson adapted Alan Paton's novel *Cry, The Beloved Country* as "Lost In The Stars". At the time, Weill said that he hoped his songs would be "a message of hope that people, through a personal approach, will solve whatever racial problems exist". Thirty-five years later, apartheid is still around, while Weill's songs are long forgotten.

By contrast, The Special AKA's song with its more direct message ("Free Nelson Mandela") has hit its target: it has been banned in South Africa, because it was feared that it might become a battle-cry for Mr Mandela's supporters.

In America, popular music has generally reflected the isolationist tendencies of the public. First World War veterans like to recall morale-boosters such as "Over There", but they forget that, before America entered the war, Tin Pan Alley had no interest in Europe. Indeed, one of the most popular hits of 1915, by Bryan and Piantadosi, was "respectfully dedicated to every mother everywhere": "There'd be no war today/ If mothers all would say/'I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier.'"

That philosophy reasserted itself in the 1930s. In "God's Country", Yip Harburg wrote that instead of Hitler and Sir Oswald Mosley, America had Popeye and Gypsy Rose Lee (although that was as much as a dig at the values of the New World as a swipe at the Old). The only audience for "protest" music in America's cities at this time was among intellectuals and communists, and after the Nazi-Soviet pact they too became strongly non-interventionist: "Franklin, oh Franklin, we don't want to go to war."

But if overtly political songs have never been very successful, popular music can occasionally articulate the mood of the people. The best song about unemployment is still "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?", the anthem of the Depression years, written in 1932. Jay Gorney's melody had originally been intended for a love-song, but lyricist Yip Harburg was determined to write about the misery of the bread-lines. Unlike so many 1980s songs on the subject, there are no political clichés, no preaching or ranting. The singer "isn't bitter", said Harburg. "He's bewildered. Here is a man who has built his faith and hope in this country . . . He just doesn't undestand what could have gone wrong."

Songs confronting "the issues" may be temporarily in fashion but, despite the success of Nelson Mandela, none of them will overthrow kings or empires. Besides, what George Orwell called the "subversive" quality in popular music oftens reveals itself in other ways. During the Nazi occupation of Denmark, one song became a sort of resistance hymn for the people ever since the night when the Germans broadcast, as usual, their communiqué praising the glorious victories of their invincible forces. Immediately afterwards, the illegal Danish underground radio came on the air with a cheerful version of "It Ain't Necessarily So".

Mark Steyn

Robin Cook

Laugh all the way from the polls

A year ago I spent most of the week huddled together with other Labour survivors seeking comfort in our company and an explanation for our recent electoral rout. Those of us who then spent sombre hours mapping the bottom of the pit in our party's fortunes can vividly appreciate the degree of recovery that was achieved in last week's European elections.

The most revealing indicator is not the role of gains from the Conservatives, but the even longer tally of seats where Labour came through from behind and took over the Alliance as the main challenge to sitting Tories. A year ago Labour and Alliance polled almost the same popular vote: last week Labour pulled in double the Alliance vote.

Nor can the Alliance explain away its declension by reference to the low turn-out. The striking feature about the share of votes (41 per cent Conservative: 37 per cent Labour) 19 per cent Alliance) is that it neatly fits the average of all recent opinion polls (40 per cent Conservative: 38 per cent Labour: 20 per cent Alliance. The third of the electorate who took the trouble to visit the polls are plainly a representative sample of the electorate as a whole.

It is a sign of Labour's success that the style of its campaign is now under attack from opponents crying "foul". In the general election Cecil Parkinson taunted us with having lost our sense of humour. This time around Chairman Gummer complained that Labour had too much fun instead of getting on with the serious business of boring our audiences with Euro statistics.

The charge as libelled is that Labour disturbed the peace of shopping centres with its jaunty campaign bus, tempted the youth vote with a music competition, and even contaminated the platforms of its rallies with people who expressed their support in song or in satire. All these are held to be illicit activities which cannot be reconciled with the legitimate business of campaigning by means of publishing the 95 theses on which we were standing and nailing them to the door of party headquarters. I fear we must plead guilty and compound the offence by admitting that some of us actually enjoyed the blend of entertainment and politics with which we experimented, and which proved a winning formula.

In Edinburgh we filled the largest auditorium in the city with 3,000 electors attracted by a programme of speeches, folksong and comedy. I have long acquaintance with our local membership, and generally while away the longeurs at party rallies by betting against myself whether I can name more than half the audience. This time I was encouraged to discover how few faces I could recognize among an audience that had reached beyond the converted.

How many left the hall having undergone conversion I cannot report, as ITN conducted no exit poll, but I suspect that among those who switched the satire of the comedians weighed as heavily as the rhetoric of the politicians. Nor need we apologize for harnessing the power of laughter. It is a most formidable tool with which to expose the irrationality of the arms race or to counterpoint the ugliness of mass unemployment.

In any case there is something wholly perverse about the notion that politics can or should be neatly fenced off into its own corner distinct from all other elements of social culture. Nobody thought that way when the labour movement was first gathering its strength.

The roots of the movement to secure the franchise for working men can be traced to tavern clubs. The miners' gala days, which have drawn spectacular numbers this month, serve to remind us of the long tradition in which summer holiday was a celebration of the rights and dignity of Labour. The superb banners which appear for their annual outing at such occasions demonstrate how the pioneers sought artistic expression for their ideals and objectives.

Labour still only secures a permanent base among its new supporters if it can build the same relationship with the culture of the masses which was enjoyed by those who first forged the movement.

Paradoxically, Labour provided more fun than the other parties in the European elections because we took it more seriously. The Conservatives in particular mounted a low-key campaign, almost as if from the outset they were preparing an alibi that these elections did not really matter. Had they taken the poll seriously we would have witnessed them embracing the techniques of showbusiness with the same panache that they showed in the general election.

Here I am drawn back, again, to that week a year ago, and to offer you a tableau that remains my most bitter image of our rout by the superior campaign of our opponent. The setting is a packed Wembley arena and Mrs Thatcher, encircled by sportsmen and pop singers, flings her final taunt of the campaign: "can anyone imagine the Labour Party organizing such a rally? Maybe the old Labour Party could, but the new one could not." Oh, yes it could. We have just done it, and next time we will do it even better.

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Same rule for soap and soap boxes

The latest spate of political advertising by the GLC and other town councils has shown its power in the European election campaign. It has also, unsurprisingly, provoked a spate of complaints to the Advertising Standards Authority. The recent Conservative Party advertisements extolling the blessings of EEC membership contained, it now transpires, a veritable cornucopia of inaccuracies. Yet the Advertising Standards Authority refuses to get involved: political advertisement, it asserts determinedly, are outside its bailiwick.

Unfortunately this means that nobody really controls the content of political advertisement. The politicians and their agencies are free to say pretty much what they like – and of course they do so. How is it that the Advertising Standards Authority restrains and controls commercial advertisers, yet allows political advertisers complete and unfettered freedom? Why are political advertisements not required, like all other, to be "legal, decent, honest and truthful"?

The ASA's answers are hardly convincing. "It would be an impertinence, not to mention a folly", it insists, "if the authority were to attempt to adjudicate upon matters of political doctrine or policy".

Indeed it would. Just as it would be an impertinence, not to mention a folly, if the authority were to attempt to adjudicate upon matters of *commercial* doctrine or policy. The authority is not required to adjudicate upon any matters of docrine or policy. It is merely charged with the humble and humdrum job of ensuring that advertisements are "legal, decent, honest and truthful". Shouldn't political advertisements be subject to these reasonable restraints?

Since questions of illegality and indecency hardly arise, the debate concerns only honesty and truthfulness: "In political argument", the Advertising Standards Authority argues, "the selection and presentation of the facts are so closely interwoven with the argument that the disentanglement of fact and opinion . . . is a practical impossibility".

Stuff and nonsense. Exactly the same is true of many, if not most, commercial advertisements. Yet miraculously the Advertising Standards Authority manages to achieve such "practical impossibilities" hundreds of times each week. "The authority has no wish to hinder freedom of expression", responds the Advertising Standards Authority primly. Not even dishonest and untruthful expression?

Nobody is asking the Advertising Standards Authority to judge the merit or worth of opinions – political, commercial, or for that matter religious or aesthetic. It is simply being asked to ensure that information presented as facts in advertisements should be honest and truthful in political as well as in commercial advertisements.

Part of the difficulty, the Advertising Standards Authority contends, is that many political advertisements are placed by foreign bodies, pressure groups, idiosyncratic visionaries with eccentric attitudes to honesty and truth.

It is a basic tenet of our democracy, the authority believes, that such bodies and cranks should be allowed to propagate their views to the British people unfettered and uncensored (just as long as they can afford a whole page in *The Times*).

Well, nobody who cares deeply about the spiritual well-being of the British people would wish simultaneously to impoverish *The Times* and to restrain Mr Loo Nee Bin from his expressing his fervent belief that the prohibition of otter hunting in southern Rangoon would solve all the world's problems. Provided of course that Mr Bin makes clear that his opinions are opinions, not facts; and the *The Times* (or whoever) vets his copy carefully before publication.

There is a world of difference between the fact that "1,000 people were massacred" and the opinion "we claim that 1,000 people were massacred" – just as there is a world of difference between "waterproof" and "water-resistant", or "stops tooth cavities" and "helps reduce tooth cavities". In every case commercial advertisers, in order to be honest and truthful, are required to qualify their claims. Why should political advertisers be treated differently?

What about wild promises of the "We'll cut unemployment at a stroke" variety? Should they, could they also be controlled? Clearly not. Predictions are opinions, and the Advertising Standards Authority is not required to fetter the expression of opinions. One man's exquisitely fine sherry is another man's rotgut, but sherry shippers are permitted by the British Code of Advertising Practise to proclaim the former without mentioning the latter.

Party political broadcasts are transmitted without prior vetting. Political advertisements in the press and on the hoardings evade all of the advertising industry's normal restraints. Somehow or other we have come to believe that political advertising is beyond any kind of constraint or control.

Over a decade ago the late Richard Crossman noted that politicians deployed propagandist techniques which would be utterly unacceptable in commercial advertisements. With political advertising now burgeoning, it is the Advertising Standards Authority's responsibility to wield, when necessary, its pruning shears.

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TWO VIEWS OF 2001

Thanks are due to the Social Services Secretary for publishing two detailed projections of the costs of the state pension scheme and its impact on the incomes of the elderly. These are a far more considerable contribution to the "great debate" on public expenditure than the paper-thin long-term outline published by the Treasury at Budget time. And they neatly give the lie to the comfortable and cowardly defence of the Treasury paper mounted within government, that it is impossible to publish detailed projections for more than a few years ahead because it involves the revelation of embarrassing assumptions about the course of the economy.

The Government Actuary's report (part one of Mr Norman Fowler's background paper) involves some very sensitive assumptions indeed, and they have been desensitised in the most sensible manner: by offering alternatives. It is assumed that unemployment drops to six per cent, for example, less than half today's rate: but projections are also offered against the eventuality of double-digit unemployment. There are similar variations in the assumptions about economic growth, as translated into a trend for real earnings.

So what do the projections show? First, and unarguably, that unemployment is critical to the sums: it pushes up national insurance contributions in two ways. There are fewer people in work to finance the pensions of all; and there are more people out of work, some of whose benefits have to be met out of national insurance. That aside, the most important question illustrated by this paper is whether pensions should be linked to the rate of increase in prices or in earnings.

This radically affects the level to which national insurance contributions will have to rise as the new earnings-related element comes to maturity in the twenty-first century. If the basic, flat-rate pension is only increased in line with prices, contributions will only have to rise by two percentage points to finance the total pensions bill. (And if, incidentally, unemployment were to fall to six per cent, total national insurance contributions, which cover other benefits as well as pensions, would not have to rise at all above today's figure of 17.65 per cent for employers and employees combined).

But if the basic flat-rate pension were to be increased in line with earnings, the increase would be much greater, at least after the year 2000. On modestly pessimistic assumptions about unemployment, and the equally modest assumption that real earnings grow one and a half per cent a year, total national insurance contributions might well exceed 25 per cent – that is, they would become very nearly as significant as income tax.

On the other side of the coin – pensioners' income – there would be a corresponding difference. By the end of the first quarter of the twenty-first century, Mr Fowler's advisers calculate that pensioners' disposable income would have risen to 80 per cent of the average for non-pensioners – if the basic flat-rate state pension were increased in line with earnings. If it were increased only in line with prices, pensioners' income would remain at a constant level of 68-69 per cent of non-pensioners' disposable income. The reason for this flat profile is that while earnings are assumed to rise faster than prices, the gradual build-up of the earnings-related part of the state scheme would be reinforcing pensioners' incomes. But after 2025, when the scheme was fully mature, pensioners would start to drop down the income scale if they were only offered price protection.

There is a lot more in this calculation than the development of the state scheme. It is, for example, assumed that private occupational schemes grow until they are providing roughly a quarter of the incomes of the elderly. But it is crucial to understand what is happening to the state scheme, which one way or another will affect everyone once it is fully mature. The two elements – the flat-rate pension and earnings-related supplement – were intended to piggy-back one another, and it was assumed that both would be linked to earnings. If the link is broken, permanently, for the basic flat-rate element, a gap will open up between the two – and the earnings-related element will come to provide an increasingly important share of the total state pension.

Either way, pensioners' prospects will, until 2025, be improving. An increasing share of their retirement income will come, as of right, from the new scheme; and in consequence a decreasing proportion will come from means-tested supplementary benefit. The report suggests the number of retired people dependent on supplementary benefit will fall from today's one and three quarter million to only a quarter of a million. There will therefore be some saving in public expenditure, which could be used to mitigate the effect of higher national insurance contributions by cutting income tax, but only about 1p in the pound.

And that is only temporary cause for comfort. Two implications of this report stand out. First, that if the link to earnings is deemed to be too expensive, and to offer pensioners too large an income in comparison to their working children, then it should be revised now rather than allow the state scheme to develop in an unbalanced way. And, second, that national insurance contributions are likely to become an increasingly important kind of tax – which means that serious thought should be given to integrating them more efficiently into the income tax system.

EUROPE'S ULSTER ELECTION

There are two broad theories about the electoral prospects of Provisional Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland under the Armalite/ballot-box rubric of Mr Danny Morrison. One holds that Sinn Fein battens on disillusionment with non-violent republicanism, which makes no measurable progress towards its external objective of Irish unification or its internal objective of power sharing: and on an accompanying sense of alienation from the structures of government and system of law enforcement. On that reading Sinn Fein may be expected to overwhelm the SDLP before long, unless the SDLP can deliver what it has so far failed to deliver. The view was implicit in some of what was written in the report of the New Ireland Forum.

The other theory is that the vote *Sinn Fein* has tapped since it abandoned abstention in the wake of the Maze hunger strikes is a standing hard-republican vote, which has always been there in the penumbra of violence but has not always been activated; that Sinn Fein is not to any very large extent taking votes away from the SDLP, but rather netting non-voters and new voters; and that barring catastrophe Sinn Fein is already somewhere near its natural limit.

The European voting in Ulster is more consonant with the second theory than the first. The SDLP vote in this election was larger than in 1979 and substantially larger than in the general election a year ago: Sinn Fein polled fewer votes than a year ago. In the Ulster assembly election of 1982 the nationalist vote broke in the proportion 60:40 between SDLP and Sinn Fein. In the general election of 1983 the proportion was 57:43. Last week it was 63:37, in spite of another year's political activity and organizing on the part of Sinn Fein.

Mr John Hume campaigned exclusively on issues relevant to the parliament to which he was seeking re-election and not at all on the Forum, on which his political fate is supposed to hang. So the appearance is that he was justly rewarded by the electorate for his pertinence and his unquestionable distinction as a spokesman for Northern Ireland in Strasbourg and Brussels. The reality is somewhat different.

In a more or less vacuous election voters are less interested in what the candidates, or parties say, than in what they are thought to stand for. Mr Hume is far and away the most effective exponent of non-violent republicanism in the province: the Rev. Ian Paisley bellows best for Ulster Protestantism (and when not bellowing, be it noted, he has been trying harder than anybody else except its chairman to make a go of Mr Prior's assembly). Both have polled better than ever before in an election which made most sense as a ritual endorsement of champions.

Overall the dreaded watershed, when Sinn Fein overtakes the SDLP in popular vote and a ceremony of legitimation is performed, now looks less substantial. It is a prospect that infused the Forum report with urgency and tended in some quarters to compel acceptance of its analysis. Last week's event has somewhat relaxed that pressure. In framing its considered response to the Forum the British Government need not feel constrained to act out of desperation. The politics of Northern Ireland are not spinning into the abyss. Which is not to say that the Government should do other than respond constructively to whatever is valid and practicable among the ideas given currency by the Forum.

STRUCK OFF THE ISRAELI LIST

Israel is a genuine democracy. Its policies, however unpalatable to the rest of the world, reflect the free choice of the Israeli people. That, of course, does not make them any more acceptable to Arabs – like the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza – who are not Israeli citizens, and do not want to be.

But what about those Arabs who are Israeli citizens? They form, by no choice or fault of their own, an Arab minority in a Jewish state. They do not have all the same rights as their Jewish compatriots: for instance they are excluded from using or living on those large tracts of their own country which belong to the Jewish National Fund. But they do have the vote. They can help to choose the parliament and government of the Jewish state. Indeed, several of them are members of the Knesset, and in the past one or two have held junior government office.

Does that right extend to the right of forming political parties? On paper, perhaps, but until now in practice not. Even the Communist Party, which has become a kind of ersatz Arab nationalist party with a predominantly Arab base, is nominally led by a Jew, Mr Meir Vilner, and always puts him at the head of its list of candidates for the Knesset.

This year, for the first time, a group of Israelis has got together a list in which Arab and Jewish candidates alternate with an Arab at the head: Mr Muhammad Miari, a lawyer who has long been active on behalf of Arab land-owners, threatened with confiscation, particularly in the Galilee, and who formerly worked with the Communist Party but has quarrelled with it. Second on the list is General Matityahu Peled, the Quarter-master-General of the Israeli armed forces during the 1967 war and, since his retirement from the army, a tireless advocate of compromise and mutual recognition between Israelis and Palestinians.

That is the programme of the new list: recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian people, unconditional withdrawal from Lebanon, recognition by Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs of each other's right to self-determination i.e. to separate statehood, on their respective sides of the pre-1967 ceasefire lines.

In other words the group advocates what many Western pundits have long seen as the only realistic basis for an Arab-Israeli settlement. It would not, unfortunately, be likely to win more than a few seats in the Knesset but it would be a positive influence, in Israeli political life and, by the mere fact of putting an Arab at the head of the list, it would probably win over significant Arab support from the Communists, who are therefore none too happy about it.

Sadly, the all-party Central Election Committee – whose composition reflects that of the outgoing Knesset – has now come to the aid of the Communists and, overriding a decision taken by the Defence Minister, Mr Moshe Arens, has decided to ban the new list from taking part in the elections.

Perhaps in order to give this decision a spurious air of impartiality, the Committee first banned an extremist anti-Arab group led by the American-Jewish fanatic, Rabbi Meir Kahane. The case for banning that group, which is openly racist and supports acts of terror against Arabs, was stronger – though even there it would have been healthier to let the electorate judge, while proceeding forcefully against the authors of any direct violations of the law. But the banning of the "Progressive List for Peace" sets the limits of Israeli democracy unnecessarily tight, and suggests a sad lack of self-confidence among the parties now in power. It is to be hoped that the Israeli High Court will reverse it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Getting agreement on Europe

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor

Sir, The low turnout in the elections for the European Parliament constitutes a serious indictment of the failure of Britain's political leaders to kindle enthusiasm for the European idea.

Although interdependence has been a central theme of British foreign policy since the days of Harold Macmillan, and all three party leaders accepted in 1975 that Britain's future lay with the Community, they have done precious little to convince the electorate of the benefits to be obtained from cooperation with like-minded countries.

All too often the case for European unity has been put in terms of the imperatives of economics or technology, while the Community itself has paid insufficient attention to the mobilization of popular consent in support of its objectives.

The approach has been one of management by political elites rather than a genuine attempt to secure the agreement of peoples.

President Mitterrand's recent Strasbourg proposals – not mentioned in your rather sour leader of June 14 – represent a brave attempt to drag the European issue out of the morass of inertia and disillusion into which it seems to have sunk. Yet, political unity is not primarily a matter of machinery but of the will to agree.

The Nordic Council, a purely consultative organ, in no way impinging on national sovereignty, has yet succeeded in achieving a greater degree of integration between its component countries than the EEC; for specific powers are less important than a sense of shared identity.

How can politicians help to create a sense of interdependence amongst the electorate of the Community to complement the perceptions of governments? In no country, surely, is it more important for an answer to this question to be found than in Britain. For if popular commitment to the Community remains at the low level indicated by Thursday's poll, Britain is likely to find herself, yet again, excluded from a new European initiative and relegated to the second tier of a two-tier Community.

Yours faithfully,
VERNON BOGDANOR,
Brasenose College,
Oxford.
June 18.

From Mr R. T. M. Lindsay

Sir, I am not surprised that there was a low turnout in the European elections.

For some reason I received two voting cards with successive numbers, both with my name on them. I took them with me and went to the polling station, anxious to do my democratic duty and improve the percentage of people who voted on this important occasion and thus to enhance our status in Europe, but, after considerable discussion, the officials there were discouragingly reluctant to give me two voting slips (though they did say that if I had come in twice they would probably not have recognised me).

If this bureaucratic attitude is commonplace in this country surely we can be pleased with a 30 per cent turnout. The motto of my Ulster forebears at election time has always been, "Vote early, vote often".

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
R. T. M. LINDSAY,
The Preparatory School,
Sherborne,
Dorset.
June 15.

Women's work in widest context

From Mrs P. D. Riches

Sir, Mrs Elizabeth Young's letter on the "pattern" of woman's life (June 14) was sensible and enlightening. Unfortunately the situation is fast moving beyond the realms of rational discussion.

Your readers may not be aware that HM Government is soon to take a decision on whether or not to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

This Convention, which is legally enforceable on ratifying governments, completely ignores the woman's traditional role as mother and homemaker, and regards women instead as mere instruments of the workforce. It calls not for equal opportunity of choice, but for "maximum participation of women on equal terms with men in all fields".

This means that women should constitute half of the workforce in every trade and profession, no matter how heavy, dirty or unsuitable the work. Governments will be required to take "temporary special measures" to achieve this – i.e., the introduction of quotas, such as pertain in America, where the federal courts have imposed gender quotas on police departments.

References to "maternity" are couched in negative terms. Maternity must not be allowed to interfere with careers; jobs must be kept open and governments will be required to provide a "network of child-care facilities" to enable women to get back to work as quickly as possible after childbirth.

Nothing is said about women who may not want to work, or who may not wish to return to work after the birth of a child. The specific calls for health and social security benefits all relate to women who are members of the labour force.

None of the "rights" called for have anything to do with marriage, including rights relating to children, such as adoption and the choice of a family name. No differences between men and women may be recognized and governments will be obliged to "modify the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women with a view to achieving the elimination of ... stereotyped roles for men and women".

We are thus taken into the realm of mind control.

The Russian dissident and feminist, Natalya Malachovskaya, has described what life is like for women in a country which already applies the criteria of the UN Convention:

> Emancipation has turned out for us women to be much harder exploitation than before. There is a certain division of labour between men and women, but women are also forced to do hard labour, lifting heavy burdens. ... In the USSR we are all slaves, but a woman is the slave of a slave.

Is this really a role which the women of this country would wish to have chosen for them by the bureaucracy?

Yours sincerely,
VALERIE RICHES, Hon Secretary,
The Responsible Society,
Wicken, Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire.

From Ms Sheila Rothwell

Sir, While agreeing wholeheartedly with Elizabeth Young's remarks (June 14) about the patterns of women's life, might I also suggest that not only do the majority of women not want a man-shaped pattern of life, but that men may not need it either in the future.

It may well be far more in line with the needs of organisations, families and individuals in our post-industrial society for men to adopt a woman-shaped pattern. Perhaps then we could stop equating full-time employment with work, status, or satisfaction, and get on with adjusting tax, pension and benefit systems to facilitate the transition. Changing attitudes will be as important as changing employment policies.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA ROTHWELL, Director,
The Centre for Employment Policy Studies,
Henley – The Management College,
Greenlands,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
June 15.

From Mrs Penelope Reid

Sir, A few nights ago a lady (unmarried) from the National Advisory Centre on Careers for Women talked for nearly two hours to a hundred or so 14-year-old girls about what they might expect in the way of careers after the the next seven years' slog through O and A levels and university.

The good lady was entertaining and informative about a wide variety of openings for academic young people. However, during the course of the evening, the words *marriage*, *husband* and *children* were not once mentioned. The audience might have consisted entirely of young males instead of girls whose careers, as every mother knows, cannot possibly be, in the vast majority of cases, as straightforwardly plotted as those of their brothers.

It was the same story in my day, 30 years ago at an academic girls' school.

When will we be realistic enough to help young women prepare themselves not just for careers but for the compromises, struggles and sheer stamina needed ever to realize their individual potential in careers while endeavouring to juggle the needs of children and husbands simultaneously?

If teachers, counsellors and parents, too, could manage to help girls at an earlier age there might be less disillusion and wastage amongst our female graduates and more women working happily in jobs they were expensively educated to fill.

Yours etc,
PENELOPE REID,
50 Westcroft Square, W6.
June 12.

Proper advantage to McEnroe?

From Mrs Morag Young

Sir, While in no way condoning John McEnroe's excessive reaction and abuse of officials at Queen's Club yesterday, he has reason, if not right, on his side.

As spectators, we ask for excellence from the players. They, in turn, expect excellence from the officials. The incident in question was occasioned by an inattentive linesman failing to call when a ball was clearly out. Both linesman and umpire sat mute for a good 15 seconds before the stroke was questioned – and then by McEnroe's opponent!

Such transparent lack of concentration and poor performance on the part of officials should be as vociferously condemned as McEnroe's outburst.

I remain, yours faithfully,
MORAG YOUNG,
13 Devereux Road, SW11.
June 18.

From Mr Anthony Clarkson

Sir, Whilst Mr McEnroe brings tennis into disrepute by insulting opponents, spectators and umpires, referees are unable, unwilling, or too alarmed to take action.

It would be to the pleasure of many people if the umpires collectively, through their official organisation, were to inform tournament organisers that after a certain date they will no longer officiate if Mr McEnroe is on the court.

There are so many good players today that his presence is not needed to ensure a full house, or for any other reason.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY CLARKSON,
Flint's Orchard,
West Burton,
Nr Pulborough,
Sussex.
June 18.

Drug-study volunteers

From Professor M. J. S. Langman

Sir, Your editorial (June 9) rightly draws attention to the need to safeguard healthy volunteers for drug studies, but not all the points made are as reasonable as might appear at first sight and even the title "Dangerous remedies", is unhelpfully emotive.

We do not yet know what happened exactly in the tragic experiment conducted in Dublin, but it is in no one's interest to carry out dangerous experiments. Most drug studies consist of modest explorations which add to an existing body of work and not of sudden forays into totally uncharted territory.

The essential protection of volunteers depends not upon the work of ethical committees but upon the high standards and general probity of individual scientists whose aim is to see useful work sensibly conducted. This does not deny the value of the ethical committee as a watchdog, but in ordinary circumstances their views about the safety of experiments should differ little from those of the experimenters.

Your leader further states that initial human work is conducted either in-house by companies, or sometimes by special drug-testing agencies and asserts that in future volunteers should be drawn from within the pharmaceutical industry and that students, including medical students, should never be used.

The case supporting this view is indifferent. A considerable amount of work is also conducted by practising clinicians, particularly within academic departments of clinical pharmacology, therapeutics and medicine and a good case can be made for conducting more, not fewer, tests under their control.

Studies are generally conducted by clinical academic scientists with considerable experience of working with novel compounds and many will have served on the Government's own watchdog committees, the Committee on the Safety of Medicines and the Committee on the Review of Medicines, whose membership is about three-quarters drawn from academic clinical medical university staff.

Even so the studies which they propose to conduct are generally reviewed by ethical committees and these are totally independent of the pharmaceutical industry.

Medical students who volunteer usually come from the clinical fourth or later years of the course; they will have had a firm grounding in pharmacology, will generally have a lively understanding of the work to be undertaken and money would not induce them to volunteer for anything they perceive as hazardous.

For some more complex studies it is nevertheless right and proper that full emergency facilities with trained staff who have had their skills tested in the real clinical world should be available and this means in hospitals and not in-house in industrial facilities.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL LANGMAN,
University of Nottingham,
Department of Therapeutics,
South Block,
University Hospital,
Nottingham.
June 12.

Conflicting creeds

From the Reverend B. W. Maguire

Sir, As one who greatly relishes struggling with the insights of modern theology, I sympathise with the Reverend A. R. Woolley's concern, in his letter published today (June 12), for "the man in the street", apparently unmoved by so much of Christianity.

However, as I look at my own parish, I am bound to admit that the most effective evangelistic impact appears to emanate from people of uncomplicated faith and patient prayer, rather than from any theological expertise on my part.

I suspect history shows that the churches' most effective periods of mission in the world arise out of movements of evangelical revival, rather than from waves of liberal theology, however important the latter may be in their own right.

To put it another way, at the risk of appearing to treat one of Mr Woolley's theological points too literally: while Balaam wrestled with his theology, it was the ass who actually grasped the message!

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN MAGUIRE,
The Rectory,
3 Westfield Close,
Haxby,
York.
June 12.

Sale of vicarages

From Mr John Hunter

Sir, We realise that many of our country vicarages were built in times when the stipends of their incumbents were vastly higher in real terms than those of our impoverished clergy today. Nevertheless, there are instances when the loss of the "priest's house" diminishes historic continuity and loses a focal point for both worshipping and non-worshipping members of the community who care for their church.

A case in point is Thaxted, where our vicar has retired through ill-health. The Church Commissioners have seized on this hiatus to declare the vicarage redundant and relegate his successor to some modern house which they consider appropriate to the "cut of his cloth".

Locally we resent this as the vicarage has always been a focus of our town. It is the scene from which Vicar Gee fought the Poor Law Commissions to obtain a Thaxted workhouse.

Later (1910-1942) Conrad Noel made his house a national focus for Christian Socialism and Gustav Holst found a large enough room to train the church choir. Father Jack Putterill subsequently trained two generations of Thaxted lads and lasses in the arts of music in his vicarage.

Our vicarage is a vital element in our town and for many people reflects our identity. It is something we do not wish to lose. Other parishes may have similar problems and this is a wider issue than a local parish problem.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HUNTER,
The Market Cross,
Thaxted,
Essex.
June 8.

Toothless democracy

From the Reverend Paul Nicolson

Sir, Roger Scruton (May 29) has seen the weakness in democracy at the level where it really hurts people and communities. May I cite a case in point?

Buckinghamshire County Council refuses to show us their written answers to our written objections to the closure of Turville's primary school, both of which they submit to the Secretary of State for Education whose officers continue the silence. The law gives them this discretion.

I submit a careful analysis of the county's costings, showing that the savings they claim are impossible. Central and local government discuss this matter of public interest in private. I can do nothing.

I question the district auditor. I discover that I have a right to question him but that he has no duty to reply.

The Ombudsman has no teeth. Therefore, on a question of teaching staff, we go to the High Court. The test of "reasonableness" is too high to jump. The county wins on points. The judge utters a request, with no legal force, that we should have what we ask for and makes no order about costs. That costs the community £7,000 and the county uses our rates against us.

We need tribunals which will act for the elector, like the industrial tribunals act for the employee, to focus the attention of government on the governed and to bridge the gap between them.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL NICOLSON,
The Vicarage,
Turville,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.
June 8.

University claims

From the General Secretary of the Association of University Teachers

Sir, I was surprised to see that Professor Cameron Watt (June 7) has chosen the letters page of *The Times* to protest against the professionalism of the Association of University Teachers. The AUT is a democratic and representative body and I would have hoped that such a debate could have been conducted in an appropriate forum within the association.

The AUT has always had a dual professional and trade union role. Recently we have made considerable impact in the debates on student demand and on the future of the universities and higher education which were initiated by the Secretary of State.

The universities are just emerging from the most traumatic years in their history. By the end of this year 5,600 jobs will have been lost in the profession. It would be idle to pretend that such losses have been without cost. That the universities still have their worldwide reputation is no small tribute to the hard work and dedication of their staff. Such professional performance merits professional rewards.

It was perhaps appropriate that Professor Watt's letter should appear on the day that the Prime Minister announced major increases in the pay of favoured public-sector pay groups.

I cannot see how it can be disputed that it is damaging for morale and, dare I suggest, professional standards if university academic staff perceive themselves falling behind comparable groups. Because of the method of funding it is essential to get this across to the Department of Education and Science, which is going to have to fund any agreement on salaries. This is no different from the special treatment accorded to the doctors and dentists and now nurses.

The action in support of our salary negotiations agreed by our council in May is intended to be demonstrative and moderate. There is no intention to disrupt student examinations nor to withhold examination markings. Members of the AUT do recognize that they have professional obligations.

I am astonished that Professor Watt feels that they need to read the letters page of *The Times* to be aware of those responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,
DIANA WARWICK,
General Secretary,
Association of University Teachers,
United House,
1 Pembridge Road, W11.
June 12.

Changing times

From Mr Maurice Ross

Sir, It had to happen – "*Times* bingo".

I can't wait for boring old page 3 to be brightened up a bit.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE ROSS,
4 Sedum Close,
Huntington,
Chester,
Cheshire.
June 18.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
June 19: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with her presence today.
The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 19: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Bath today and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).
Her Royal Highness opened Ladymead House, Knightstone Housing Association's new housing scheme for the elderly, and afterwards toured the building, escorted by the Chairman of the Association (Colonel G. Clarkson), and was entertained at luncheon.
In the afternoon The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited the Royal United Hospital and opened the Ornamental Garden.
Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman, Bath District Health Authority (Mr R. Buchanan).
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips opened and toured Chandos House extension of St John's Hospital.
Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Trustees (Rear Admiral T. Maxwell) and the Master of the Hospital (the Reverend G. Jessop).
Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 19: Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 19: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Accidents Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport and opened its new Headquarters at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, Hampshire.
His Royal Highness, attended by Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.
June 19: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron was present this afternoon at British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association Tea Party held at Royal Hospital Chelsea.
Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 19: The Duke of Kent today visited the British Army Equipment Exhibition 1984 at Aldershot.
His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Royal Agricultural Society of England Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, on July 2.

The Duchess of Gloucester celebrates her birthday today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of R. H. MacWilliam will be held at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, in the City of London, at noon today.

A memorial service for Mr Peter Wilson is to be held today at St George's church, Hanover Square, London, W1, at noon.

Luncheon
Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
The President of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Mr K. Jacques, yesterday entertained at luncheon the Under Secretary of State for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, Mr Alex Fletcher.

Reception
HM Government
Mr John Butcher MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Industry, was host at a reception at Lancaster House yesterday to mark the fortieth anniversary of the International Rubber Study Group on its twentyeighth assembly.

Dinners
Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a dinner yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of the NSPCC's centenary. The guests were: [illegible]

Speaker
The Speaker, accompanied by Mrs Bernard Weatherill, was host at a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of Croydon Harriers. Those present were: [illegible] Dickson, Mr and Mrs J Folchule, Mr and Mrs D Faircloth, Mr M Floel, Mr and Mrs A Glover, Mr and Mrs R B Johannesen, Mr and Mrs S Jones, Mr C King, Mr and Mrs B Martin, Mr and Mrs O Richardson, Mr and Mrs S Rogers, Mr R P Russell, Mr T E Swancott, Mr Donald Webb, Mr Douglas Webb and Mr and Mrs J Winkler.

Institution of Metallurgists
The Council of the Institution of Metallurgists held its annual council dinner at Armourers' and Brasiers' Hall last night. The President, Dr Robert S. Barnes, was the host. The toast to the institution was proposed by Sir Neville Leigh, and Professor Gordon Beveridge replied on behalf of the guests. Other guests included: [illegible] Huxley [illegible] Baroness [illegible] Gadsden, [illegible] J F C [illegible] presidents of other engineering institutions.

Service dinner
Lowland TA & VR Association
The Lowland TA & VR Association held a dinner last night at the Howard Hotel, Edinburgh, to mark the retirement of Colonel Douglas Spratt as chairman. The GOC Scotland, Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Boswell, was present and the president of the association, Lieutenant-Colonel William Swan, presided.

Supper
Guild of St Bride
The Master of The Guild of St Bride, Sir Edward Pickering, and members of the guild held a supper party last night in honour of Prebendary Dewi Morgan upon his retirement as Rector of St Bride's Church, Fleet Street. Mrs Morgan was present together with many other friends. The supper was preceded by a programme of words and music in the church.

Meeting
English-Speaking Union
Mr Nasim Ahmed, Adviser to the Director-General of the Intergovernmental Bureau for Informatics in Rome, spoke on "Communications for a Global Society" at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union Current Affairs Forum held at Dartmouth House last night. Mr David Griffiths, ESU Director of Current Affairs, was in the chair.

Memorial service
Mr J. Howarth
A memorial service for Mr Jack Howarth was held yesterday at the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev John Arrowsmith officiated. Mr John Wade, Chairman of the Colwall Court Management Committee, and Sir Denis Forman, Chairman of Granada Television, read the lessons and Mr Leslie Crowther, a Vice-President of the Stars Organization for Spastics, gave an address. Mr Richard Howarth sang "Se Vuol Ballare" from "Le Nozze di Figaro" and an extract from an episode of *Coronation Street* was read by Mr William Roache. Among those present were:
Mrs Howarth (widow), Mr and Mrs John Howarth (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Sydney Howarth (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Alison Jones, Mrs Caroline Taylor.
The Countess of Westmorland, the Countess of Arran (president, Stars Organization for Spastics) with Mrs Sheila Rawstorne (administrator); Lord Bernstein (President of the Granada Group), Mr Mervyn Watson (producer, Coronation Street with Mr Johnny Briggs and Miss Gabrielle Daye.
Miss Avril Angers, Mrs James Loring, Mr Tim Rice, Mr and Mrs Geoff Love, Mr Dickie Henderson, Mrs Peter Thomas, Mr Ellis Ashton (president, British Music Hall Society), Mr and Mrs John Hanson, Mr Derek Farr and Miss Muriel Pavlow, Mrs William Roache, Miss Margaretta Scott, Mrs Leslie Crowther, Miss Barbara Lott, Mr John Horsley, Mrs Sally Forbes (representing the Chief Barker of Variety Club of Great Britain).
Mr Geoffrey Tallow (TV Times), Mr Ken Gibson (Concert Artistes' Association), Mr Sydney Fisher and Miss Jean Ainslie (also representing the Council of British Actors Equity Association), Mr Walter Rowley and Miss Pamela Knight (Pontins Holidays), Miss Pamela Manson, Mr John de Coverley, Mr Cliff Gerrard, Mr Steve Emerson, Mrs George Moon and Miss Georgina Moon, Mrs E Mitchelmore-Hawkins and residents and staff of Wakes Hall Centre, Colchester, and Good Neighbours House, Camberwell.

Sir John Betjeman
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir John Betjeman, will be held in Westminster Abbey at 11.30 am, on Friday June 29, 1984. Applications for tickets should be made by means of a telephone answering service on (01) 222 4969. The tickets will be available for collection from the chapter office between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm from Monday, June 25; and also at the reception marquee outside the Great West Door from 10.00 am on the day of the service. Admission to the service will be by ticket only.

Latest appointments
Latest appointments include:
Mr James Glaze to be Ambassador to Cameroon, in succession to Mr Bryan Sparrow.
Dr David Hopkin Maddock of Padstow, Cornwall, to be President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.
Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede to be President of the Tourism Society.
Dr Barry Trapnell, Headmaster of Oundle School, has succeeded Mr Denis Crickmay as President of the Independent Schools Association Incorporated.
Canon Robert Western, Headmaster of The Cathedral School, Lincoln, has succeeded Mr Peter Hannigan as Chairman of the Choir Schools' Association.

Royal Society of Medicine
The following have been elected to honorary fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine:
Dr James Bull, Professor Archibald Cochrane, Sir John Dacie, Dr William C. Gibson, Professor Ronald E. Lane, Dr Norah Schuster, Sir Peter Tizard and Sir Ian Wood.

Downside School
Entrance scholarships and exhibitions have been awarded, in order of merit, as follows:
N L Spotsfora (Downside), T P S Appleby (The Downs School), M A Formoso (Plunkett House), A J Miles (Buckfast Abbey School), A C Ratcliffe (St Bede's), T W S Wilkes (Headfort), N J Webb (Edinburgh House) (Music), P W Buhagiar (Plunkett House), C J Edwards (Moor Park) (Art).

Science report

Spider web mystery unravelled

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The silk thread with which the spider spins its web is unusually strong and one of the most supple of naturally occurring materials.

Not surprisingly, chemists doing research on synthetic polymers have been curious about what gives the biological polymer made by the spider such highly desirable properties.

An answer has been provided at last by Dr John Gosline, Dr Mark Denny and Dr Edwin DeMont. They explain in a report in *Nature* why spider silk has similar strengths and properties to other natural compounds, such as cellulose in plants and collagen in animals, but also why it behaves more like a rubber in being ten times more elastic than any of the other substances.

The research group, whose members are at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and Stanford University, California, describes how the silk is formed in intricate chains of crystaline proteins that are made in a variety of complicated shapes.

Its report explains the methods used to peer into these microscopic materials to determine the shape.

The brilliance of the research in unravelling the elaborate structure of the silk threads is underlined in the journal in a review by Dr Paul Clavert, of the School of Molecular Sciences, Sussex University.

He said most commercial silk is from the domesticated larvae of the moth *Bombyx mori* with some "wild" silk from the Tussah silk moths. But a great variety of other insects also make silk.

In fact, in the eighteenth century, a M Bon, of Montpellier, made himself stockings and gloves from spider silk. But the idea caught on neither commercially nor scientifically. Hence, Dr Calvert calls the latest research into spider silk as a "rare treasure".

The properties and the structure of the silks make them first cousins to nylon fibres. But the method chosen in making the synthetic fibre, to give the material strength, also gives it a high melting point and makes it less easy to handle in water than the biological kind.

Dr Calvert suggests synthetic fibre makers should pay more attention to the range of properties attained within the silk group and should intensify their efforts to control their processes of polymerization to duplicate some of those natural structures.

Source: *Nature*, Vol 309 No 5968, 1984.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Arbuthnot and Miss E. Broadbent
The engagement is announced between James Norwich, younger son of Sir John Arbuthnot, Bt, and Lady Arbuthnot, of Poulton Manor, Ash, Canterbury, and Emma Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Broadbent, of 50 Quarrendon Street, London, SW6.

Mr M. A. F. Vincent, Royal Artillery, and Miss J. K. Potts
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Lieutenant-General Sir Richard and Lady Vincent, of Bishop's Sutton, Hampshire, and Janice Katharine, younger daughter of the late Mr Kenneth Potts and Mrs Potts, of East Herrington, Tyne and Wear.

Mr S. J. Andrews and Miss C. L. Culver
The engagement is announced between Stewart John, son of Mr and Mrs E. Andrews, of Fulwood, Sheffield, and Claire Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. C. Culver, of Fowey, Cornwall.

Mr R. H. Barnard and Miss E. S. Legat
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of the late Dennis Barnard and of Mrs Nancy Barnard, of Old Portsmouth, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Legat, of Lymington Hampshire.

Mr M. A. Clarkson and Miss J. E. Esposito
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of the Rev Alan and Mrs Clarkson of Glastonbury, and Jane daughter of the late Mr I. Esposito and Mrs B. Esposito, of Shaftesbury.

Mr M. E. Garthwaite and Miss A. G. Trafford
The engagement is announced between Mark Edward, eldest son of Mr E. F. Garthwaite, of Winterbourne, Gloucestershire, and of Mrs E. Garthwaite, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire and Amanda Gabriel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Trafford, of Broad House, Wroxham, Norfolk.

Mr J. J. P. D. Giblin and Miss E. L. Aitchison
The engagement is announced between John Joseph Peter Dearie, younger son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Giblin, of Chapelhall Post Office, Airdrie, Lanarkshire, and Eveline Lucy, second daughter of the late Dr Alastair Aitchison and of Mrs A. G. Aitchison, of Barwell Court, Chessington.

Mr J. G. Greenwood and Mrs C. I. Taylor
The marriage will take place in Hongkong, on July 28 between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. M. Greenwood, of Frensham, Surrey, and Carmel, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Salmon, of Esperance, Western Australia.

Mr E. A. N. Lowe and Miss K. M. Voisin
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Lowe, of Lower Halstow, Kent, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Voisin, of St Helier, Jersey.

Mr W. D. Leefe and Miss A. Heyhoe
The marriage took place on June 11, at Oakham, Rutland, between William, eldest son of Mr John D. Leefe, OBE, and Mrs Leefe, of the Afgoi Forest Institute, Mogadishu, Somalia, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Heyhoe, of Buckland, Surrey.

Mr A. J. C. Maconie and Mrs A. Billam
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Maconie, of Porlock, Somerset, and Alison, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ratel, of Jersey.

Captain M. L. Noel-Smith and Miss E. M. Bagshawe
The engagement is announced between Michael Leclere Noel-Smith, 1st Glosters, son of Wing Commander R. Noel-Smith, OBE and Mrs Noel-Smith, of Ariel Lodge, Cheltenham, and Elizabeth Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Bagshawe, of Ravine Court, Canford, Cliffs.

Professor C. T. Sandford and Miss C. K. Privett
The engagement is announced between Cedric Sandford, of 16 Clan House, Sydney Road, Bath, and Christina, daughter of Mrs Katarin Privett, of Priory Cottage, East Coker, Somerset, and of the late Mr John Privett.

Mr J. R. Stevenson and Miss A Gwynne
The engagement is announced between James Roger, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. Bristow Stevenson, of Knockan, Feeny, co Londonderry, and Angharad, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Hubert L. Gwynne of Coedmawr, Manordeilo, Llandeilo, Dyfed.

Mr S. T. Ward and Miss M. S. Arden
The engagement is announced between Stephen Tom, son of Mr and Mrs Graham Ward, of Decoy Farm, Gorefield, Wisbech, Cambs, and Meryl Suzanne daughter of Mrs Dorothy Arden and the late Mr Frank Arden, CBE, of Glentworth House, Glentworth, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

Mr N. A. R. Watt and Dr F. E. Tallack
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Dr and Mrs A. Watt, of Worthing, and Fenella, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. R. C. Tallack, of Kensington and Wendover.

Lieutenant J. R. Wesley, RNR and Miss S. S. Codner
The engagement is announced between John, Son of Mr R. A. Y. Wesley and the late Mrs E. R. Wesley and stepson of Mrs V. M. Wesley, of Stroud, Gloucestershire, and Sally, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs C. J. Codner, of Windsor Castle.

Christening
The infant daughter of Robertson of Struan and Mrs Robertson of Struan was christened Ellena Bridget by the Rev Charles Robertson at Struan Kirk, Struan, Perthshire, on Sunday, June 17, 1984. The sponsors are Mr Graham Robertson and Mrs Margaret Walsh.

Prices for archaic Chinese bronze vessels went through the roof at Sotheby's yesterday. Giuseppe Eskenazi, the London dealer, paid £154,000 for this richly ornamented food vessel of the Western Zhou dynasty where Sotheby's pre-sale estimate had been only £40,000-£60,000.

Marriages

Mr P. T. Mallary and Miss F. M. G. Neville-Rolfe
The marriage took place on June 9, 1984, at All Saints' Church, Wardour Castle, between Mr Peter Mallary, son of the Rev de Witt and Mrs Mallary, of New York City, and Miss Fanny Neville-Rolfe, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edmund Neville-Rolfe, of Ark Farm, Wardour. Father John Tranmar, SJ, officiated.
The bride was attended by Arabella Neville-Rolfe and Tom Packer.
The reception was held at Ark Farm and the honeymoon will be spent in Nova Scotia.

Mr E. N. D. Herbert and Miss C. S. Forbes
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 16, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hambleden, between Mr Nicholas Herbert, only son of Mr Ivor Herbert and Mrs John Crocket, and Miss Serena Forbes, elder daughter of Major Hamish Forbes and Mrs Jacyntne Forbes. The Right Rev Victor Pike and the Rev Kingsley Joyce officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her nephew, William King, Ralph Robertson, Belinda Boulton, Lucy Peel, Georgina King, Morag MacGregor, Georgina Barclay and the bridegroom's sisters, Kate and Jane Herbert.
A reception was held at the bride's home and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr G. Li and Miss J. S. Lister
The marriage took place on Tuesday, June 5, in Shanghai, between Mr Li Gengzhi and Miss Jane Sarah Lister daughter of the late Mr A. E. Lister and Mrs G. A. Lister, of Abbotts Ann, Hampshire.

Mr S. Hurwitz and Miss C. Silver
The marriage took place on June 19 at the Marble Arch Synagogue, London, between Mr Steven Hurwitz, son of Mr Josef Hurwitz and the late Mrs Annemarie Hurwitz, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, and Miss Candice Silver, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Silver, of Whitecraigs, Glasgow.

Mr A. H. L. Kinsman and Mrs S. E. M. Vere Nicoll
The marriage took place quietly on June 15, at Wheatley, Oxfordshire, between Mr Anthony Kinsman and Mrs Eugenie Vere Nicoll.

Birthdays today
Professor E A Bell, 58; Lord Brightman, 73; Miss Catherine Cookson, 78; Miss Wendy Craig, 50; the Earl of Cranbrook, 51; Mr Alan Fisher, 62; Sir Thomas Gore Browne, 66; Miss Lillian Hellman, 77; Mr Ronald Hines, 55; Mr R P Hornby, 62; Mr Alan Lamb, 30; Mr Johnny Morris, 68; Sir David Muir, 68; Mr Paul Ramirez, 31; Mr Budge Rogers, 45; Sir Arthur Rucker, 89; Sir David Scott Fox, 74; Professor Sir Richard Southwood, 53; Mr Justice Tudor Evans, 64; the Right Rev J Waine, 54.

Latest wills
Mr Martin Frank Whiteley, Housemaster of Holland House, Eton College, left estate valued at £474,081 net.
Professor Thorold Barron Dickinson, of Sheepdrove, Lambourn, Berkshire, film director and professor of film at the Slade School of Fine Art, left estate valued at £421,516 net.
Williams, Mr Richard Arthur, of Penarth £207,121
Rodocanachi, Mr Ambrose John, of Darsham, Saxmundham £235,317

Church news
Appointments
The Rev K M L H Banting, Vicar of Goldington, diocese of St Albans, to be also Rural Dean of Bedford, same diocese.
Preb A T Budgett, Rector of Somerton with Compton Dundon, The Charltons and Kingsdon, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Priest-in-charge (Team Rector elect) of Bruton with Lamyatt (Wyke and Redlynch), and Batcombe with Upton Noble, and South Brewham with North Brewham, same diocese.
The Rev R C N Capey, Vicar of Unsworth, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar of Emmanuel, Bridlington, diocese of York.
The Rev D Charnock, Assistant Curate of St Mary Rowner, Gosport, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Team Vicar of St Andrews, Furnace Green, Southgate, Crawley, diocese of Chichester.
The Rev J N Coe, Vicar of Widcombe, Bath, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Rector of Publow with Pensford, Compton Dando and Chelwood, same diocese.
The Rev N Crawford-Jones, Vicar of St Luke, Stanmore, Winchester, and Rural Dean of Winchester, diocese of Winchester, to be Vicar of Romsey, same diocese.
The Rev J E Dennett, Rector of Alwington and Parkham with Buckland Brewer, diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar of St Thomas's, Blackpool, diocese of Blackburn.
The Rev J C S Fenton, Vicar of North Holmwood and Rural Dean of Dorking, diocese of Guildford, to be Vicar of Witley, same diocese.
The Rev L G Hallam, Vicar of Christ Church, Eastbourne, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar of St Barnabas, Bexhill, same diocese.
Canon D D Hart, Vicar of St Saviour's, St Albans, and an Honorary Canon of St Albans, diocese of St Albans, to be also Rural Dean of St Albans.
The Rev S Holland, Assistant Curate, of Uckfield, diocese of Chichester, to be Team Vicar of Lewes Team Ministry, same diocese.
The Rev J R Hopcroft, Vicar, of Biyton Group, diocese of Lincoln, to be Team Vicar, of Bilston Team, diocese of Lichfield.
The Rev G I House, Assistant Curate of Ipswich, St John the Baptist, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be Vicar, of Ipswich, St Andrew, same diocese.
Canon D T I Jenkins, Vicar of St Cuthberts, Carlisle, and an Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral, diocese of Carlisle, to be also Diocesan Secretary, same diocese.
Canon D T Landreth, Vicar of Icklesham, diocese of Chichester, and a Canon Emeritus of Southwark Cathedral, became also Rural Dean of Rye, same diocese, on April 1.
The Rev P Latford, Priest-in-charge, of St Elisabeth's, Becontree, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Priest-in-charge, of Clay Cross, diocese of Derby.
Canon R I J Matthews, Vicar of Brighouse, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar, of Darrington with Wentbridge and Diocesan Day Schools Officer, same diocese.
The Rev W A Matthews, Vicar, of Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, diocese of Salisbury, to be also Rural Dean of Bradford, same diocese.
The Rev N J Norton, Curate-in-Charge, of Emmanuel, Morden, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar of Holy Cross, Motspur Park, New Malden, same diocese.
The Rev D Roberts, Rector, of St Catherine's, Blairgowrie, with St Ninian's, Alyth and St Anne's, Coupar Angus, diocese of Dunkeld, Scotland, to be Priest-in-charge (team vicar elect) of St John's, Taunton, Chaplain of St Augustine's VA Secondary School, Taunton, and Chaplain of the Somerset College of Arts and Technology, Taunton, diocese of Bath and Wells.
The Rev W A Rogers, Assistant Curate, of Chandler's Ford, diocese of Winchester, to be Vicar, of Bentley and Binsted, same diocese.
The Rev D J Shepherd, Vicar of Newquay, diocese of Truro, to be Rector of Ludgrove Team Ministry, diocese of Oxford.
The Rev N Swainson, Curate of Levenshulme, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar of Christ Church, Jarrow, diocese of Durham.
The Rev R A Walton, Assistant Curate of St Mark's, Woodhouse, diocese of Southwell, to be Priest-in-charge of St Andrew's, [illegible], same diocese.
The Rev J D Watson, Vicar of [illegible], diocese of Durham, to be Rector of Coleford with Holcombe, diocese of Bath and Wells.
The Rev P H Whittaker, Vicar of Leighton Buzzard with Eggington, Hockliffe and Billington, diocese of St Albans, to be also Rural Dean of Dunstable, same diocese.
The [illegible] D J Wiseman, Curate of Bilston Team, diocese of Lichfield, to be Priest-in-charge of St Philip, West Bromwich, same diocese.
The Rev J Woodhouse, Team Rector of Pocklington Team Ministry, diocese of York, to be also Rural Dean of Pocklington (for five years), same diocese.

Resignations and retirements
Canon D Dundale, Chaplain of Gent and Ypres and an Honorary Canon of Brussels, diocese of Europe, retired on April 30 and became an Honorary Canon Emeritus of Brussels.
Canon V A J Ravensdale, Chaplain of St George's, Lisbon, Portugal, and a non-residentiary Canon of Gibraltar, diocese of Europe, retired on June 9 also be temporary Assistant Chaplain in the United Chaplaincy of St George's, Lisbon and St Paul's, Estoril, Portugal, and an Honorary Canon Emeritus of Gibraltar.
The Rev E G Richards, Vicar of Landrake and St Erney and Botus Fleming, diocese of Truro, to retire on October 1.

Church in Wales
Appointments
Canon T Peter Jones, Vicar of Overton with Erbistock and Penley, and Rural Dean of Bangor Iscoed, to be Precentor of St Asaph Cathedral.
The Rev T W Pritchard, Vicar of Ruabon, to be Canon of St Asaph Cathedral.
The Rev C B Hall, Vicar of Penycae, Wrexham, diocese of St Asaph, to be Vicar in the rectorial parish of Hawarden, same diocese.
The Rev G C Jones, Assistant Curate of Ruthin and Llanrhydd, diocese of St Asaph, to be priest-in-charge of Llanfwrog, Clocaenog and Cyffylliog, same diocese.

Church of Scotland
The Rev H Johnston, Glasgow, Pollockshaws to Thurso West.
The Rev W Ritchie, Ballingry to Comrie.
The Rev I Purves, Thornliebank, to Johnstone, St Paul's.
The Rev T G M Robertson, Wick Old, to Edenshead and Strathmiglo.
The Rev [illegible] and Hopeman, to [illegible].

Inductions
The Rev A M Campbell, probationer assistant at Motherwell St Mary's to Motherwell, St Margaret's.
The Rev Christine M Goldie, probationer assistant at West Kilbride, St Andrews, to Clydebank, St Cuthbert's.
The Rev D S Paterson, Associate at Cumbernauld St Mungo's, to Cumbernauld St Mungo's.
The Rev J F Todd to Lochrutton.
The Rev K F O Buwert, probationer assistant at Troon, St Meddan's, to Kinlochleven with Nether Lochaber.

Retirements
The Rev R Shirlaw from Gladsmuir.
The Rev B G Hardie from Dundee Meadowside St Paul's.
The Rev J G Lees, from North Berwick Abbey.
The Very Rev J R Gray from Dunblane Cathedral.
The Rev P R G Wallace from Falkland with Freuchie.
The Rev G W Baird from Cramond with St Fergus.

Reed's School
The following awards are announced:
Music scholarship: J P W Ovenden, Lanesborough School.
Scholarship: K A J Huxley, Shrewsbury House.
Exhibitions: O N Pingree, Clewborough House School; Reed's; L E Jones, Stavanger British School; Reed's; J C S Rowlands, Reed's.

OBITUARY

SIR JOHN RANDALL

Radar for the battle against the U-Boats

Sir John Randall, FRS who died on June 16 in Edinburgh at the age of 79 was a scientist who made important advances in diverse fields. A physicist himself he had made early contributions to solid state physics before the war. His interest in biology and medicine found an outlet in his important work in molecular biology.

But perhaps his most spectacular application of science was his discovery with the late Dr H. A. Boot of the cavity magnetron which became central to the development of 10 centimetre radar during the war. This invention placed a small radar set of unprecedented accuracy and power in the hands of the Allies, with decisive results at the point that the U-Boat campaign was beginning to have a stranglehold effect.

Born on March 23, 1905, Randall studied physics at Manchester University under W. L. Bragg, who with his son had developed the technique for solving crystal structures using X-rays.

Randall then moved to the Research Laboratories of GEC at Wembley, where he made pioneer X-ray diffraction studies of glasses, and his studies of the structure of such partly ordered materials foreshadowed his later structural studies in molecular biology.

He also made a number of technological advances in improving fluorescent materials for use in lighting, but in order to be freer to pursue fundamental physics he made the move, which was then unusual, from an industrial environment to the Physics Department at Birmingham by obtaining a Royal Society Warren Fellowship.

Randall decided to study fluorescent materials at the fundamental level, thus seeing the interest of solid-state physics several decades before the field attracted wide attention. Randall had good judgement in choosing co-workers whose talents often complemented his intuitive approach. M. H. F. Wilkins (who later worked on DNA in Randall's Laboratory) became Randall's research student and their joint work gave rise to an important advance in understanding the way that electrons move in crystals so as to give rise to a luminescent afterglow. His biological interest caused him to make preliminary spectroscopic studies of haemoglobin.

With the coming of the war Randall threw himself into radar research in the laboratory at Birmingham. He returned to the original papers of Hertz who in the 19th century discovered radio waves and after 6 months he had, with his research student H. A. Boot, produced the resonator magnetron. This device rapidly became the heart of a radar which had a decisive effect on the course of the war.

The magnetron enabled powerful radar transmitters to be used in aircraft, and was very effective against U-Boats and night bombers. In the Battle of the Atlantic U-Boats had almost succeeded in cutting off supplies from Britain. But with the advent of the magnetron Doenitz told Hitler "enemy aricraft had been equipped with the new location apparatus which enables them to detect submarines and attack them unexpectedly in low cloud, bad visibility and at night... much... the largest number of submarines are being sunk by aircraft... these losses are too high". The U-boat was defeated.

It has been claimed that Randall's work did not receive enough public recognition; certainly initially he and Boot merely shared the princely sum of £50 from the Royal Society of Arts, amusingly, for "improving the safety of life at sea". Subsequently, however, they shared a prize of £36,000 with Sayers (who was also from Birmingham) from the Royal Commission of Awards for Inventions. In 1960 he was knighted.

In 1944 Randall was appointed Professor of Natural Philosophy at University of St Andrews, in Scotland, and in 1946 he was invited to accept the Wheatstone Chair of Physics, at King's College London. At King's he developed his ideas about the application of physics to biological research with the help of the Medical Research Council and the Rockefeller Foundation who showed much foresight in providing him with funds to build up an interdisciplinary group in an MRC Biophysics Research Unit.

Randall decided that cell division and the role of nucleic acids in it would be one of the main lines in the laboratory. The idea that DNA might be the genetic material was little recognised in 1946; nonetheless, Randall's recognition that nucleic acids played an important role in growth and in the structure of chromosomes which contained the genetic message, (Randall made a special study of spermatazoa) set the Unit moving in the right direction.

Soon X-ray diffraction equipment began to be used in Randall's laboratory and Wilkins, Franklin, Stokes, Gosling and others were engaged in various studies of molecular structure of DNA which were to stimulate the discovery of the double-helical structure by Crick and Watson in Cambridge in 1953.

Randall's policies were democratic and non-sexist and as a result there was a large proportion of women in his laboratory where they played unusually responsible roles. He was a successful research director; his staff recognised that new vistas in science were being opened up and they had the freedom and opportunity to explore the new developments in a refreshingly informal atmosphere. There was a very good team-spirit between physicists, biologists and chemists; Randall characteristically did not recognise the barriers between various scientific disciplines and a very wide range of topics was studied.

The Unit soon proved its worth; in addition to the success with DNA, Jean Hanson at King's (with Hugh Huxley and Andrew Huxley at Cambridge) created the very significant sliding filament model of muscle contraction; and Randall himself with workers close to him, went far in solving the important structure of the connective tissue protein collagen.

When Randall's MRC unit was integrated with the University Physics Department at King's, the King's Laboratory was able to introduce the new areas of scientific research into university teaching and to train research students in new specialities. Randall's breadth of view led him to propose that the various departments of biological sciences at King's should form a loose integration for teaching in the form of a School of Biological Sciences.

This was one of the first examples of this type of organisation and although they are now fairly common in universities, at that time all Randall's diplomatic and committee skills were needed to bring the School into being. He also set up a new Department of Biophysics in a very well-equipped new Laboratory.

Randall's knighthood in 1962 could equally have been awarded for his magnetron work or his contributions to biological sciences. He was, as a colleague once remarked "much more than an academic", not only was he an intuitive and imaginative scientist with an approach more like that of an inventor than of a formal academic, he also had great ability in judging the human aspects of scientific research organization. He was a friendly man, much liking an informal chat and gossip with staff at all levels.

When he retired from King's College he set up in the Zoology Department at Edinburgh University a new, but smaller, group funded by post-retirement grants where he characteristically continued for many years energetically pursuing successful research.

SIR PHILIP LYNCH

The Right Hon Sir Philip Lynch, KCMG, who died at Frankston, near Melbourne, on June 19 at the age of 50, was a dominant figure in the Australian Liberal Party who was Federal Treasurer from 1975 to 1977 and deputy leader of the party from 1973 to 1982.

He was born on July 27, 1933, the son of a Melbourne turner and fitter and educated at Hawthorn Marist Brothers College and Xavier College before gaining an arts degree at Melbourne University. He entered the federal Parliament in 1966 and soon gained a reputation as a tough political fighter behind the scenes and a "Mr Fixit".

Between 1966 and 1972 he was successively Minister for the Army, for Immigration and for Labour. In 1972, when Mr Gough Whitlam's Labour Government came to power, he became a key figure in organizing opposition and unearthed information about the government's financial dealings which did much to undermine it.

When the Liberals returned to power in 1975 he became Treasurer, but he himself came under attack two years later over some land deals and resigned, though maintaining that he had not misused his official position. He became Minister for Industry and Commerce until 1982, when he resigned for health reasons.

He is survived by his wife, Leah, and three sons.

SIR CLINTON PELHAM

Sir Clinton Pelham, KBE, CMG, who died on June 17 at the age of 86, was Ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1955 to 1957, and had previously been Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1951 to 1955.

George Clinton Pelham was educated privately and, after service in the First World War from 1915 to 1918, joined the Foreign Office in 1920. In 1923 he joined the China Consular Service, and was in China until the outbreak of the Second World War. He then went to Madagascar as acting Consul-General, and subsequently served in commercial posts in Baghdad and Madrid.

After his retirement he became a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and, from 1963 to 1970, a County Councillor for West Sussex. He married in 1930 Jeanie Adelina Norton, and they had two daughters.



Norwich

Once the second city of England in economic terms, this key regional centre seeks to maintain a healthy balance between progress and preservation

The main road into Norwich is tree-lined and thickly leaved. But it is only a single carriageway. Norwich is the one city of its size without a dual carriageway leading to it, which has contributed to the view that Norfolk as a region is cut off. Yet some consider it a benefit; certainly, much of the charm of the place is derived from the impression that it has succeeded in distancing itself from the rest of the country.

The visitor has to be intent on visiting Norwich: it is a place to go to rather than through. This is not to imply that it is isolated. From Saxon times, Norwich has been a regional centre. Half a dozen roads converge on it, looking on the map like a spider's web; it is connected to the sea by river, although commercially the port is mow much less used than it was; it has a direct rail link with London and the Midlands, which is scheduled for electrification; and it has an airport which links it not only with the rest of the country but with international airports in Europe.

Medieval streets

It is a vibrant commercial centre, with many traditional industries and long-established companies; it is not unusual during the week to be told that all telephone lines from London are engaged and will you please try later or that its central hotels are full with a mixture of commercial and leisure-seeking visitors.

Coping with the car is a problem in a city of largely medieval streets into which not only visitors but many of its workers from rural areas arrive in their own transport. Cars are therefore parked where aesthetically they should not be; for example, in the vicinity of the Norman castle, although a plan is under wraps to put them out of sight – underground – with gardens replacing the surface car parks.

It is not only strangers who are confused by the one-way road system, but if you get lost on its circular route, it at least has the advantage of being quickly renegotiated. It is really a city to investigate and admire on foot. Most of its places of interest are within 10 minutes' walk of the centre and some of its most attractive old streets are traffic-free: Norwich was one of the first cities to pioneer pedestrian areas.

Much of the city's early prosperity was based on the wool trade but this declined at the end of the Napoleonic wars when new sources of power and machinery in the Midlands and Yorkshire replaced the skilled craftsmen of the Norwich worsted industry. The city thus escaped some of the worst features of the industrial revolution. Its monuments are much older than the industrial archaeology of the North: they are found in the rich heritage of medieval streets, buildings and churches, in the influences of the Flemish and Dutch weavers who settled there and left their mark in some of the street names and architecture. Even the football team plays its part in evoking the past: the nickname of The Canaries emanates from the Dutch settlers' breeding of canaries.

When the worsted industry declined, new industries were set up. Norwich is at the centre of a rich agricultural area, which has always had a major bearing on the city commercially.

Brewing grew in importance, the local leather industry formed the basis of boot and shoe manufacturing, as did milling for the manufacture of mustard and starch. Chocolate and mineral waters and, later, electrical engineering were other industries that thrived and the city became internationally known in banking and insurance.

More recently as some traditional industries have suffered decline, there has been diversification and other new enterprises have emerged. The city's unemployment rate is running at about 10 per cent, high by local historical standards but better than many other cities.

The past prosperity of the city is reflected in its cultural heritage. Many of its finest – medieval, Georgian and Regency buildings were built by industrialists. They were also great supporters of the arts, especially the Norwich school of painters, whose work is well represented in the Castle Museum. A tradition which continues today with the rich character of the city's artistic and cultural activities.

One of Norwich's major achievements has been to maintain a healthy balance between progress and preservation. Many of the city's historic buildings are owned by the city council, others are in private ownership. But from all concerned there seems to be a bias towards preservation. Conservation groups, notably the influential Norwich Society, which has been keeping a watchful eye on developments since 1923, are active and vigorous but city officials concede that there is no great pressure to knock down buildings: instead, developers need little persuasion to renovate an original building of note and incorporate it sympathetically into the local scene.

A problem for the city authorities is city centre depopulation. Council officials believe that too much accommodation above shops and business premises is used for storage rather than residential purposes, resulting not only in deterioration of a building but in an absence of human activity, particularly at night. Owners of property are being encouraged to recognize what in town-hall jargon is known as the "upper-floor problem" and, where suitable, to convert space into living accommodation and encourage people back to living in the city. The council is setting an example with some of its own properties.

Politically, Norwich is an enigma. It has had a strong Labour majority on the city council for 50 years, apart from one brief period, yet at the last General Election Conservatives displaced the former Labour MPs in the two city parliamentary seats. Such a result presents a psephological poser to those who see a correlation between local and national politics.

Cyril Bainbridge

Suresh Karadia



'A fine old city, truly . . . view it from whatever side you will'

George Borrow, *Lavengro* (1851)

On other pages

NORWICH AT A GLANCE

Area of city (acres)	9,630
Population	
1971 census	121,688
1981 census	122,890
Mid-1984 projection	126,600
Rateable properties (at April 1, 1984)	
Domestic	50,800
Other	13,800
City council membership	
Labour	40
Conservative	6
Liberal	2
Members of Parliament	
Norwich, South –	John Powley (Con)
Norwich, North –	Patrick Thompson (Con)
European Parliament member –	Paul Howell (Con)

Sights and sounds of an old town

Most visitors see medieval Norwich and its other attractions around the city centre, but only a short distance away is Mousehold Heath. The highest parts of the heath have spectacular views of the city and its ancient buildings. The heath has played its part in Norwich history: it was here in 1594 that 20,000 yeoman farmers, led by Robert Kett of Wymondham, rebelled and defied efforts to dislodge them for two months until they were dispersed by an army under the Earl of Warwick and Kett was hanged from the walls of the castle. A good viewing point is Britannia Road, opposite the former Britannia Barracks, which houses the Royal Norfolk Regiment's museum.

Other sights include:

☐ The Castle. It now houses a museum with exhibits on local archaeology, social and natural history, and an art gallery renowned for its famous collection of works of the Norwich School of painters.

☐ The Cathedral. Built from



Dr Graham Beales, keeper of the Sainsbury Centre, one of Norwich's finest buildings and home for a great art collection

stone brought from Normandy and shipped up the river to nearby Pull's Ferry, it was consecrated in 1278.

☐ St Peter Mancroft. Situated near the market and City Hall, one of the largest parish churches in England.

☐ The Assembly house, Theatre Street. Where the gentry of eighteenth and 19th century Norwich took tea, listened to music played by Liszt, and waltzed gracefully.

☐ Bridewell Alley. A favourite area for tourists with its quaint old buildings and Mustard Shop, a reconstruction of an early 19th century grocer's shop, now selling an astonishingly varied selection of mustards and a museum on the history of one of the City's oldest industries.

☐ Bridewell Museum. A fourteenth century merchant's house and later a prison for tramps and beggars, this building has housed a museum of local industries since 1925 illustrating the economic life of the county and of Norwich. There is a gallery devoted to old farm implements, another room commemorates the Norwich weavers of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries; yet another illustrates the city's boot and shoe industry, with displays of tools and machines and a collection of shoes from Tudor to modern times.

☐ Elm Hill. Another favourite with tourists, a quiet cobbled street of colour-washed buildings of interest in an area that saw much fighting during Kett's rebellion.

☐ The Music House, King Street. The oldest dwelling in Norwich, dating to the 12th century.

☐ The Sainsbury Centre. At the University of East Anglia, two miles from the city centre, a modern building, winner of architectural awards, which houses the Robert Sainsbury art collection.

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A lively centre for many industries

Geoffrey Weston on the virtue of keeping business diverse

One of the most striking aspects of Norwich is its overwhelming dominance as an urban centre in a huge land-mass. Its catchment area is therefore exceptionally large and the number and quality of its shops correspondingly high for a population of 120,000 (180,000 if periphal villages are included). The need to be comparatively self-sufficient in every way has bred a wide variety of services, from hospitals to an international airport.

Norwich was once the second city of England in economic terms – a prosperity built on the wool trade from sheep raised in surrounding Norfolk farms. Immigrant weavers from the Low Countries gave it a second lease of life before the trade died in the nineteenth century, but even as early as the 1200s records indicate 130 trades. A diverse economy has been the key to the city's prosperity.

After wool, came leather, then shoe-making, as well as light engineering to cater for agricultural needs.

The biggest employer today is the Norwich Union Insurance Group, which has a staff of 3,700 at its headquarters in the city and more than 10,000 worldwide. Founded in 1792, its group assets today are £5,000m. Gurneys Bank, founded in Norwich in the 1770s, was one of a group of private banks that formed Barclays Bank in 1896.

Ideas factory: students in Hi-Tech house, a training centre for electronics students

Big brewer

The city council and Norfolk County Council each employ about 2,000. Her Majesty's Stationery Office completed its move to the city in the late 1970s and now employs 1,500. Sedgwick (UK), the insurance underwriting firm, is a relative newcomer but now employs nearly 1,000.

The shoe industry has shrunk to about 3,000 (a third of its size in the early 1970s), with Norvic, Mansfield and Van-Dal disappearing, but Start-Rite, Bally and Meadows surviving. So, too, has the beer industry, which rationalization and mergers have reduced to one major presence, the Norwich Brewery.

Boulton & Paul (Joinery) which is approaching its two-hundredth anniversary in Norwich is one of the largest joinery manufacturers in Europe with a labour force of 550. It is the market leader in timber windows, although the Norwich factory specializes in assembling patio doors, as well as windows.

Norwich has become one of the country's major manufacturing centres for aluminium windows and double-glazing units, led by Anglian Windows, which employs nearly 1,000 at six factories on the airport industrial estate and had a turnover of £87m last year. Bowater Zenith, started in 1969, a former employee of Anglian Windows in the back of a greengrocer's shop, now turns over more than £20m a year and employs over 300.

May and Baker celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, but is a relative newcomer to Norwich, having arrived in 1957. Its payroll is now 870 and its production consists of agricultural and industrial chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Laurence, Scott & Electromotors, another nineteenth-century firm, dominates the light-engineering sector. Formerly a leading manufacturer of heavy electrical machines, it now offers a wide range of products for the chemical, petrochemical, oil, marine and defence industries.

The Food industry remains strong: with J. and J. Colman, now part of Reckitt and Coman, the dominant and oldest firm. Founded as a mustard and flour-milling business in 1814, it is now the group's food and wine division, employing more than 1,500 with a £110m turnover. All its products are derived from Norwich, with soft drinks (or, in the case of wine, bottled) accounting for 40 per cent of sales. Last month Colman launched a £20m redevelopment plan to rationalize its production and extend the number of products.

Surviving daily

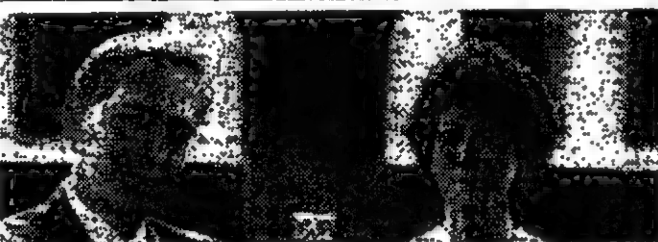
Rowntree Mackintosh, the other main food producer, employs a similar number in its confectionary plant. It was set up in the city in 1890.

Printing is another old-established industry. Jarrold & Sons began printing and publishing in the 1770s, while the *Norwich Post* is said to have been the earliest provincial newspaper launched in Britain. The *Eastern Daily Press*, centred in the city, is one of the few surviving provincial dailies.

Though Norwich is still comparatively prosperous – unemployment hovers at just over 10 per cent, about 2½ per cent below the national average – it receives no special assistance from Whitehall. The council is worried that the number of job-seekers is high in local terms.

Small businesses are encouraged through the Norwich Enterprise Agency Trust, which is sponsored by 25 leading employers and gives free advice to anyone about to start a business or already operating one. An information-technology centre offers training for up to 30 young people in computing, electronic office procedures and related subjects.

British rail promises to electrify the link to London by 1987, but much publicitiy is rightly given to the excellent domestic air service from Norwich airport and the daily link with the Continent. One hope the city fathers cherish is that with Amsterdam less than an hour's flight away, an economic revival will bring the biggest influx of business from the Low Lands since the arrival of the Huguenot weavers.



Patricia Hollis, Norwich council leader, and Mr Glover, the council's chief executive

The academic-politician

☐ One of Norwich's more prominent political and academic figures is Patricia Hollis who was born in a small Devon village. She remembers only her schoolteacher as a model to look up to. The childhood memory led to a degree at Cambridge and research at Oxford and in the US where she met her husband Martin.

Since 1967 she has been senior lecturer in nineteenth-century history at the University of East Anglia, where her husband is Professor of Philosophy. Politically motivated since her student days, she fought the 1974 and 1979 parliamentary elections for the Labour Party in the "unwinnable" Conservative seat at Yarmouth. The problems and attractions of Norwich have drawn her increasingly into local politics. Having been chairman of both finance and housing committees on the city council, she took over as leader of the council last year.

Patricia Hollis sees Norwich's priorities in terms of improving communications without marring Norfolk's vital capacity to grow and in the need to balance month by month the fabric of this historic city's heritage with the demands of commercial development.

Putting it all in view

Before the end of this year, Norwich will have acquired a full complement of BBC radio and television, together with independent radio and television. Radio Broadland has won the independent franchise to complete the picture and will go on the air next autumn, joining BBC Radio Norfolk, which broadcasts some 50 hours of programmes a week.

Both television stations occupy buildings of architectural merit. The BBC is in an eighteenth-century house built by Thomas Ivory, while Anglia Television, which first went on the air in 1959, occupies two neighbouring buildings of strong nineteenth-century character – the Agricultural Hall, built in 1882, and Hardwick House, which started life as a bank in 1866 then served as the main post office for nearly a century.

Anglia, which celebrates its first 25 years next October, is one of the most successful of the independent companies, and its contribution to the costs of running Channel Four at £6.5m was the highest of the five regional companies last year. Its payroll in Norwich is more than 600.

Plans are going ahead for an electronic news-gathering link with Chelmsford and Peterborough this year and with Luton and Northampton next year, which will have profound benefits, particularly for current affairs and news coverage. Anglia's *raison d'être* is regional coverage to a population of 4.7 million – a following to which it is highly sensitive after criticism that it concentrated too much on Norwich itself. Programmes on East Anglia cover 7½ hours a day and outside networks two hours.

Anglia is a major contributor to the national network with its drama and its internationally acclaimed *Survival* series. Particularly successful have been the thriller series *Tales of the Unexpected* and the crime novels of P. D. James – *Death of an Expert Witness*, *Shroud for a Nightingale* and *Cover Her Face*.

Survival is claimed to be television's most successful and longest-running wild-life series, first screened in 1961. The aim of the series has never changed – to promote better understanding of wild life and conservation and to entertain. More than 500 programmes have been shown in 109 countries, making it Britain's best-selling television programme. It has helped to boost overseas sales, which are worth some £2m-£3m.

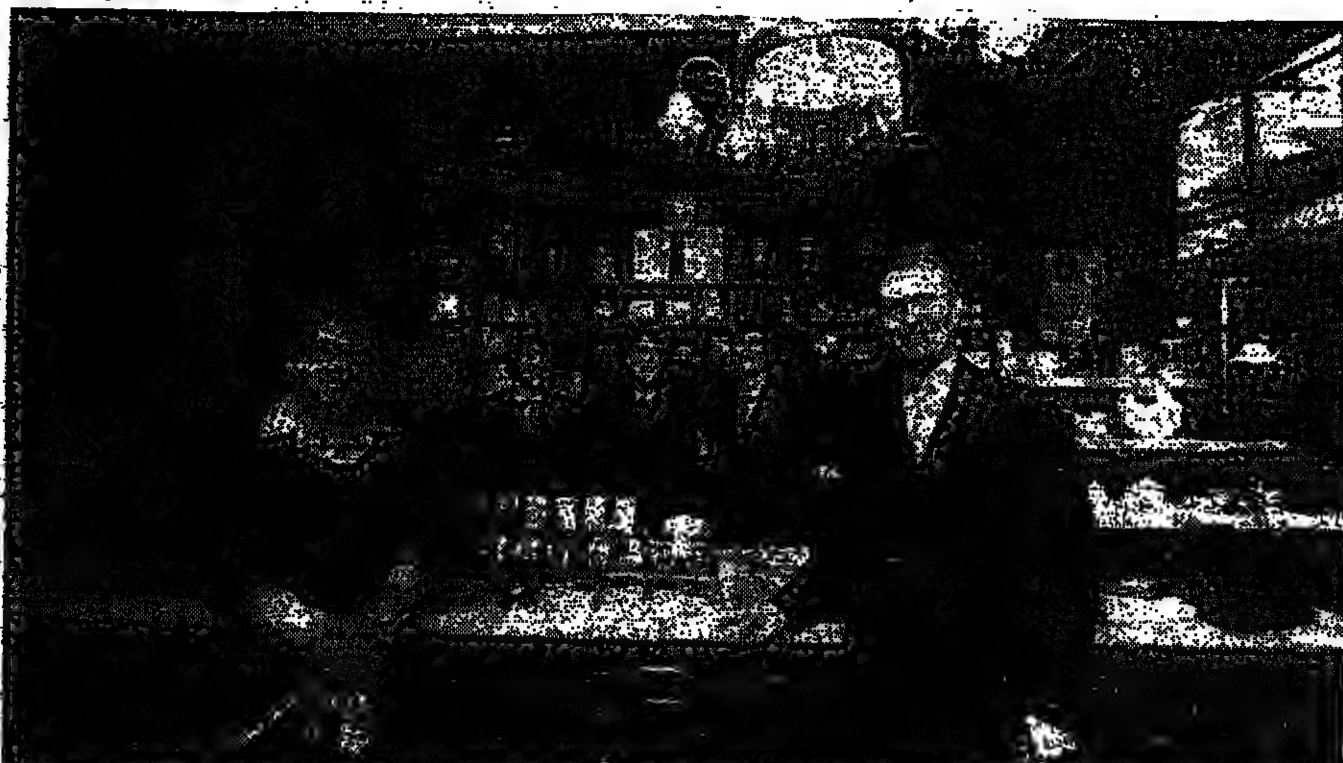
The company's chairman is Lord Townshend of Raynham, whose inspiration lies behind farming programmes. Lord Aubrey Buxton, the Anglia Group's chief executive and a naturalist, is the brains behind the *Survival* series. Sir John Wolf, a film producer whose successes go back to *African Queen*, is head of drama, while Professor Glyn Daniel has controlled archaeological programmes. Over the next year there are plans to continue the Chief Inspector Dalgliesh series as well as more P. D. James and *Death of an Expert Witness*.

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Still mustard on the plate

Mustard is perhaps Norwich's best-known product. The familiar yellow condiment in the equally-familiar yellow livery of J. and J. Colman is apparently popular only in powdered form in the English-speaking world. It was another Norwich mustard firm, Keen, Robinson and Belville (later bought out by Colman) that is believed to have given rise to the phrase "keen as mustard". Mustard seeds are milled like flour and offer prolific yields of up to two thousandfold in a season when planted.

One of the city's rare delights is The Mustard Shop, opened by Colman in 1973 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the partnership started by Jeremiah Colman and his nephew James. It stands in an eighteenth-century alley but has been restored in late nineteenth-century style. It houses a small mustard museum and sells everything conceivably connected with mustard, as well as mustard itself in many forms.



Where style and service is all: the Mustard Shop in Bridewell Alley, with Don Hoffman, the manager, and some of his staff

The Hotel Nelson in Norwich has gone a stage further. Throughout this month its restaurant is promoting "Mustard in June", using a wide range of Colman's products in dishes specially devised by the chef. From the mustard-yellow menu diners may choose mushroom and French mustard soup or shrimps baked with lettuce and tomato in a sauce of whole-grain Meaux mustard and cream or eggs topped with smoked salmon baked in double cream and a cunning hint of German mustard.

There is a choice of four main courses. Smoked ham is offered with salad and strong ground mustard seed. Chive mustard is used in a cheese sauce over prawns, sole, mussels and scallops baked in a pastry case. A sauce made from brandy and Savora mustard is served with supreme of chicken, while horseradish mustard is simply smeared on a steak before grilling.

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A city for all seasons

Tourism brings in around £28m a year to Norwich. And this is achieved on an outlay on tourism promotion which is small compared with other tourist centres in what has become a highly competitive industry.

"We have achieved a lot with limited funds," says Christopher Binns, chairman of the Norwich Tourist Association. "We get £4,500 from the city and £6,000 from our commercial members. A healthy tourist industry can bring jobs and increased local wealth if the business community and the local authority are serious about grasping the very real opportunities.

"It is no good Norwich thinking it can get away cut price and get the results. We have to come to terms with it. If Norwich is serious about grasping the opportunities we must have a properly funded tourist agency and the association will be putting proposals to the city council later this year."

It is only in recent times that tourism has been effectively coordinated through the association.

It is estimated that half a million people a year visit the cathedral, 300,000 the museums, and 100,000 callers at the tourist information office.

With its strong historic links with the Dutch and Flemish weavers, it draws a lot of Dutch visitors, although many of the foreigner are second visitors, calling in after going to other areas.

One of Norwich's advantages to the tourist is that, unlike many other centres, it is not restricted to a particular season: its many attractions can be apprecited all the year.

There is believed to be considerable potential in attracting more conferences to the city, although it does not see itself developing in this respect to the extent of Harrogate or many seaside resorts. It can comfortably handle conferences of up to 500 people: the petential is in the smaller conferences with an attendance of 200-300.

Boating holiday makers on the Norfolk Broads account for an appreciable proportion of visitors: at the height of the holiday season there is heavy pressure on the city's only boat station and it is not unusual for boats to be moored three abreast along the riverside.

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Sainsburys' gift: from primitive to Picasso

A remarkable collection and a matching gallery

The major cultural event of recent times in Norwich was the magnificent gift to the University of East Anglia of the art collection formed by Sir Robert and Lady Lisa Sainsbury. Matching it was the gift by their son David of the building to house it, designed by Foster Associates.

The collection is of international importance, but especially appealing because it represents the personal and amazingly catholic tastes of two people developed over 50 years, rather than a purely academic attempt to amass work of a limited or representative kind.

For more than 20 years it grew on a budget of only £1,000 a year and it says much for the Sainsbury's eye for quality that some of the items from that period could each fetch £250,000 on the open market today.

No single period, country or style dominates, although the collection is especially rich in "primitive" art – African tribal sculptures, traditional sculpture from the Pacific islands, North American Indian and Eskimo objects in ivory and wood, as well as pre-Columbian art from Latin America.

Antiques include Sumerian carvings, Egyptian faience, Roman bronzes and Greek sculptures. There are paintings from China and Japan, carved deities from India and Byzantine objects.

An impressive collection of twentieth-century European art includes works by Arp, Bacon, Degas, Epstein, Giacometti, Modigliani, Moore and Picasso. The displays gain much from inspired grouping of objects from totally different backgrounds: an early Cycladic jar of great beauty echoes a vessel by the outstanding modern potter Hans Coper.

The Sainsbury Centre houses the university's own collection of twentieth-century art, frequent special exhibitions and teaching and research facilities for the university's School of Fine Arts. The building itself, shaped rather like a rectangular aircraft hanger with glass-walled ends, has won international acclaim as one of the outstanding pieces of architecture of its period. The centre opened in 1978.

Live theatre takes place mainly in the Theatre Royal, built in the 1930s on the site of previous theatres dating back to the 1750s. Run by a trust, it enjoys great commercial success on a varied repertoire that covers grand opera, modern drama, classical music, pantomime and ballet, all from visiting professionals.

The Maddermarket Theatre is professionally run for amateur productions of high standard. It is the home of the Norwich Players, a guild of actors founded in 1911 by Nugent Monck and occupies a building that started life in 1794 as a Roman Catholic chapel.

Monck was an inspired producer and the theatre's leading light for over 40 years. It was under his direction that the players found their present home, which was converted into an Elizabethan style theatre with a shortened apron stage in 1921, when it was formally opened by W. B. Yeates.

Like the Theatre Royal it is run by a trust, but its policy is not commercial, although it kept theatre alive in the city when the professional theatre was turned into a cinema.

The Maddermarket presents 15 plays a year to impressively large and loyal audiences, 40 per cent of the 324 seats being filled by season ticket holders. Local grants come to £6,500.

Many unemployed people drift to the Maddermarket, and nine took part poignantly in John Galsworthy's *Strife*, the story of a bitter industrial dispute, staged earlier this month.

The main musical event is the Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Festival of Music and the Arts, which is claimed to be the second oldest music festival in Britain, launched in 1824 by Richard Bacon, to raise money for a hospital.

It has been held ever since apart from breaks during the two world Wars. Sir Henry Wood and Sir Thomas Beecham both had strong connections, and the present artistic director is Vernon Handley, associate conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Special new features next year will be a festival orchestra drawn from the best local talent and a series of literary evenings at the Maddermarket Theatre, led by Malcolm Bradbury, the novelist and academic from the University of East Anglia. The main art exhibitions will be devoted to surrealism and primitive art at the Sainsbury Centre and The Grand Tour at the Castle Museum, based on objects borrowed from Norfolk houses.

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Some famous names . . . a brief look at some leading citizens



Richard, Peter and Antony Jarrold

A county figure rather than a city figure, Timothy Colman is nevertheless a towering personality in Norwich by virtue of his widespread interests and connexions and deep family roots.

Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk since 1978, High Sheriff in 1970, he is married to the fomrer Mary Cecilia Bowes Lyon, a kinswoman of the Queen Mother. Among many local offices he is chairman of the Trustees of the Norfolk and Norwich Trust.

In a wider sphere he has served on the Countryside Commission, the Advisory Committee for England of the Nature Conservancy Council and on the Eastern Regional Committee of the National Trust, as well as being chairman of the Carnegie UK Trust.

Although a member of the mustard family, first recorded in the area at Wymondham in 1620, he plays no direct part in the company of J. and J. Colman, although he is a non-executive director of the parent company Rechitt and Colman and Whitbread.

One of his main roles in Norwich is as chairman of Eastern Counties Newspapers, which publishes four dailies and 22 weeklies with a staff of 1,300, dominating newspaper coverage of East Anglia.

The name of Jarrold in Norwich is as well known and deep-rooted as that of Colman. The Jarrold store still stands in the corner of the market place on the same site to which it moved in 1840. The family were shopkeepers, printers and publishers of Biblical tracts in Woodbridge, Suffolk, in the 1770s, moving to Norwich in 1823.

John Jarrold (then the senior member of the family) visited Kodak in the US in 1948 and saw how cheaply 35mm film could be used for colour printing. As a result he pioneered the printing of postcards in Britain from colour photographs, which were also used in pictorial books.

Today the £30 business is run by his three sons – Peter, who is chairman, Richard, who runs the retail store and seven smaller shops in East Anglia with an office equipment business, and Anthony, who is managing director of Jarrold Colour Publications. Ninety per cent of the printing work is for outsiders.

Geoffrey Marshall is managing director of Bally Group (UK), former president of the Norwich Chamber of Commerce and now president of the Norwich Enterprise Agency Trust.

He believes the main achievement of the trust, which opened its doors two years ago as a job-creating exercise, lies in creating an atmosphere of cooperation between the Labour-dominated city council and the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

They now talk together more openly and constructively about questions that affect the city's future, like the embryo Science Park at the university.

Although the initial appeal to 15 chosen sponsors of the trust was 100 per cent successful, he says that the aim is a much larger panel of advisers drawn from companies that did not offer financial support, to cover finance, marketing and computer technology. Some companies that had redundancy schemes apparently wanted to help as an act of social responsibility.

Bally Group (UK) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the well-known quality shoe manufacturer, based in Zurich.

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NORWICH

A church for every Sunday

...and a pub for every day of the year



Norwich, which has more medieval buildings than any other European city, is about to embark on a five year programme in which a small team will survey the city's public and private buildings as part of the restoration programme for the city's historic sector.

It is a city which takes justifiable pride in its heritage of old buildings. Much of the city centre and the adjoining area has been designated by the city council into 14 conservation areas containing almost 1,000 listed buildings of architectural and historic interest.

Between two and three hundred of these are owned by the council whose planning, architecture and amenity responsibilities have been grouped into a Directorate of Planning and Environment with "the maintenance and enhancement of the character of the city, together with the promotion of its balanced development – the production and encouragement of good architecture – the management and improvement of recreational, cultural and community facilities and activities" as its wide brief.

Much of the city's charm and character is derived from its unique collection of medieval churches, together with other buildings of different periods and styles, in which there is a strong Dutch influence, its ancient street pattern, and the activity of its daily market, which has been in existence since Norman times.

Stand on almost any street corner in Norwich and at least three church towers or steeples are usually visible, such is its legacy of ecclesiastical buildings dominated by the cathedral, with its quiet cloisters, St Peter Mancroft near the bustling market and city hall, and the city's Roman Catholic cathedral.

Tucked away in its narrow streets are interesting religious buildings of other denominations, such as the Unitarian octagon church and the Old Meeting House situated down a narrow alley off Colegate.

According to legend, Norwich at one time had a church for every Sunday and a public house for every day of the year. Numbers have dwindled over the years but it retains a rich legacy of both. One of the oldest of its hostelries is the quaint Adam and Eve in Bishopgate Street, which dates back to the eleventh century.

So far as its unsurpassed collection of churches are concerned, a crisis was reached in the 1960s when it was discovered that more than half the income of the diocese was being spent on maintaining buildings and less than a quarter on clergy stipends. An examination of the problem resulted in a radical scheme to reduce the numbers of churches in the city.

Norwich without its medieval churches was a prospect that could not be envisaged and the Friends of the Norwich Churches was set up to retain churches threatened with demolition. To its lasting credit, the city council adopted an enlightened attitude and provided a solution to the problem: with the consent of the church authorities, the freeholds of churches no longer required for worship were taken over the council which then leased them for management to the Norwich Historic Churches Trust, which endeavours to find acceptable alternative uses for them.

Its role is two-fold: to preserve the churches as historical buildings and to restore them to a community use wherever possible.

"Our job is to find a sympathetic secular use for the church", says the chairman of the Trust, Gordon Tilsley, a former Town Clerk of Norwich, now retired. "We like to find a use which is socially valuable, sympathetic to the history and tradition of the buildings and one which will involve people. Finally, we like it to produce an income from rent".

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Part of the city's wondrous medieval heritage, the cathedral, begun 1096, completed 1278

Pulling business on to the campus

How East Anglia University stimulates commercial and intellectual life

Two miles from the centre of Norwich on the south-facing slope in the Yare Valley, stands the University of East Anglia. It was one of a clutch of universities that sprang up in the wake of the Robbins report on the future of higher education, which recommended siting away from large urban centres. Founded in 1961, it has now come of age. Set in 270 acres of beautiful parkland, it quickly became known for its concrete ziggurats designed by Denys Lasdun, the consultant architect.

The university also incorporates the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, an important collection housed in an extraordinary building designed by Norman Foster and acclaimed as one of the architectural masterpieces of its age of denigrated as an expensive aircraft hangar, according to the point of view.

In its first 10 years, the university brought to Norwich 6,000 new people, 4,000 of them students, and international and intellectual dimensions on a scale that it had never previously experienced. It also brought two major national research institutions – the John Innes Institute and the Food Research Institute, both funded by the Agriculture and Food Research Council. The British Sugar Corporation Research laboratories and two medical institutions are also on the campus.

The annual wages bill is £11.75m, while employees spend £8m in the region, a similar amount being spent by the students. The university is also one of the biggest ratepayers and the income it generates, close to £20m, is thought to have resulted in 11,000 to 1,200 more jobs.

Studies are based on interdisciplinary schools rather than separate faculties. An important milestone was the School of Environmental Sciences, set up in 1968 and the earliest degree course of its kind in Britain. It cuts across more traditional boundaries of geology, geography, town planning, biology and chemistry. Studies embrace the marine environment, and a climatic research unit is applied to the needs of local farming.

The School of English and American Studies has long been renowned for its literary production, originally stemming from the time when Angus Wilson held the Chair and now continued by his successor Malcolm Bradbury, the influential anthor of *The History Man* who set up Britain's first MA degree in creative writing. One result was that in the Book Marketing Council's list of 20 Best of Young British Novelists in 1983, six were UEA graduates.

This school and the history school will certainly be safeguarded in the face of cuts enforced by the University Grants Committee in 1981. In 1980 arts, social sciences and sciences all carried roughly equal weight in the university. Today only science studies have maintained their former level of priority.

Two years ago Anglia Television funded a new Chair of Electronic Systems Engineering, and the Government's drive to promote studies related to industry has given new emphasis to the School of Computing Studies and Accountancy. Krish Bhaskar, Professor of Accounting and Finance, has won an important role as guru of the motor industry since his computer projections of its prospects.

Great interest has recently been focussed on a Science in which the university can offer the most specialized knowledge.

The space is now available, and discussions have already taken place with the city and county councils, the Norwich Chamber of Commerce and other advisers. The concept, already tried successfully at Cambridge and other universities, is to encourage the staff to market their ideas and to invite outside firms, to set up in the Science Park, rather than the city.

The mutual benefits to research and business can already be seen. The research institutes within the university already constitute an embryo science park, and in 1982 two young graduates and a lecturer set up Synergy Computer Systems, a consultancy housed in the university on a commercial bases to service Norfolk industries. Synergy now employs 16, and the lecturer involved, Trevor Wood Harper, has learnt more about his subject.

Two other firms have taken the same path – Oasis Electronics, which specializes in electronic products, and Anglia Technology, which supplies scientific and engineering equipment as teaching aids.

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THE ARTS

Dance

Van Manen proves no misogynist

Dutch National Ballet
Coliseum

Hans van Manen's ballets derive their drama simply from putting the dancers in an unequal situation. Who needs plots when people are so interesting?

In a way that generalization is true even of a solo such as *Portrait*, which is performed on the Dutch National Ballet's programme at the Coliseum this week by a guest dancer, Pauline Daniëls. She is actually not alone on the stage, since the lighting is provided by a portable spotlight wielded by the company's videomaster, Henk van Dijk. But his presence, dimly sensed, merely accentuates her loneliness.

Van Manen makes her reveal the strengths and fears of her body: the immensely powerful muscles in her thighs, the marvellous control of the most abandoned or minute movements, but at the same time you see the tension and the effort of maintaining it. She is dressed only in a bikini, but it is an emotional nakedness that the dance shows, the struggle of a women with her métier.

That dance closes the first half, performed entirely to piano music, ably played on Monday by Paul Patton, seated at the side of the stage or even, in the Satie *Trois Gnossiennes*, being pushed around the stage in pursuit of the two soloists by three of their colleagues.

The only piece in that half which has been seen previously in London is *Sarcasms* (music by Prokofiev), in which Rachel Beaujean and Clint Farha repeat the success they scored at a Sadler's Wells gala. They show a man and woman, drawn to each other but both obliged to try to put the other down. He is full of cocky swagger, she has a nice line in cool, smiling contempt, but it is made clear that neither is as confident as he or she pretends.

Farha has a central role also in two linked pieces, *Pose* and *Exposed* (to five Debussy Etudes plus his *Morceau de Concours* No. 6 and *Berceuse héroïque*). In the first, he is confronted by a dozen high-heeled women, whose polished detachment defeats his rough assertiveness. The pundit who accused Van Manen in print last week of misogyny seems very wide of the mark: few choreographers have done more to assert the strength of liberated women.

That female strength enables them, in the following dance, to overcome an imbalance of numbers that looks to be to their disadvantage in group mating rituals. Van Manen is not afraid of incorporating unusually direct gestures to make his point clear: the men in *Exposed* grasp their crotches with an aching concern, the woman in *Sarcasms* uses a similar gesture to her partner – a proprietary claim that he interprets as humiliation.



Living to fight another day: *Situation* as powerfully cast as its première 14 years ago

Equally, the choreography makes use of more subtle gestures from everyday life, the amusement with which one woman after another turns her face away from Farha as he hopes to dazzle them into submission in *Exposed*. Both sexes manifest a group loyalty, but the women's is demonstrated as more harmonious and deeper than the men's.

The company (judging from the group of 30 or so who are in London this week and the larger casts I saw recently in Amsterdam) is particularly strong at present in dancers who come over as pronounced individuals while playing as a true ensemble. That allows them to present one of Van Manen's older works, *Situation*, as powerfully as the original cast we saw with Netherlands Dance Theatre 14 years ago.

In Jean-Paul Vroom's formal but exposing decor, to a selection of harsh everyday sounds, *Situation* puts five couples in turn into a private confrontation. There are no winners in this game, but all the contestants will live to fight another day. It is tempting, but unfair, to pick out individuals: their personal achievements add up to a joint success.

John Percival

Television

Singular champion

Wimbledon is bearing down upon us and, for those who cannot wait, there were two tasters last night – from Thames, with Perry, and BBC2, with The Women of Wimbledon. Thames I judged to be the winner.

Theirs was a straightforward documentary celebrating the extraordinary Fred Perry: world table tennis champion at 17 in 1929, three times Wimbledon winner, three times winner of the US Open, and winner of the French and Australian Opens. He was also a member, with Bunny Austin, Pat Hughes and Harry Lee, of the team which won the Davis Cup for Britain in 1933 from the French, who were getting rather proprietary after taking it for six successive years.

We lament, of course, that he was the last Englishman to win the Wimbledon title. But there he was, hale and hearty at 75, telling us how he did it and how the All-England Club appeared not to like it much.

He admitted he was a man who did not let things go, and stayed angry for some time once he started, but he seemed to have cause on the occasion of his first Wimbledon win. He overheard a committee member telling Jack Crawford, his Australian opponent, that the best man did not always win, and found his presentation tie just draped over his seat.

He got his apology and approbation when he repeated his triumph twice. He also, when he decided to turn professional, was offered some inducements from the All-England Club not to do so which were, recalled Pat Hughes, a disgrace and outside the rules. Perry refused, became a professional, and was banned from amateur courts.

Now, of course, he is immortalized at Wimbledon in bronze. All presumably is forgiven, if not forgotten. He went on to a lucrative international professional career. He remembered with humour, and claimed to be the first Englishman who hated to lose, which is undoubtedly questionable: in the tennis world he was probably the first to admit it. A good programme, by Phil King.

BBC2's effort was a strange affair, starting with a costumed re-enactment of the first women's final in 1884 between the Harrow sisters Maud and Lillian Watson, with Peter Ustinov and Lisa Goddard playing two people in the crowd. Halfway through it switched to Virginia Wade, who served a large number of clichés. One wondered about this perverse shift in direction. The answer may lie in the fact that it was produced in association with Trans-World International, who carry a big clout in sport.

Dennis Hackett

Holland Festival

Oppressive mood brilliantly conjured

Is the Holland Festival quite what it used to be? There are still bags full of interesting, risk-taking, zany events, but they now seem bundled together without the skilful balance and planning of themes that used to mark former festivals. The organization seems unconcerned about its international profile – the multilingual programme books have disappeared, leaving the visitor to struggle helplessly with the native language – and a certain coolness of relationship between the different partners in the enterprise may be deduced from the fact that the festival's press office persuaded me not to attend the new production of *Così fan tutte* at the Netherlands Opera (of which reports had indeed been very poor) and to spend the time at more festival concerts.

Still, I am glad I took the advice, since on the night *Così* opened there was a quite superlative double bill of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale* (in Dutch) and Schoenberg's *Pierrot Lunaire*, staged at the old Theatre Carré by the Schoenberg Ensemble directed by Reinbert de Leeuw. De Leeuw's recent series of Schoenberg performances and recordings (he was at Edinburgh last summer, and Philips are now releasing the records, originally on Holland's domestic Harlekin label) have been a superb achievement, and it was clear from this evening that he works with a young, responsive group of players who are absolutely in tune with his aims.

The Soldier's Tale was presented on a stage that thrust far out into the auditorium (where the narrator resided, apart from the occasional visit to the stage), at the front of which seven little cut-outs in the floor housed the musicians. The playing was sharp and biting: the staging (which featured one of Holland's most famous comics, John Kraaijkamp, as the Devil) was economical and terse. Leon Konig's choreography, including an exquisite dance for the princess, soldier and violin, matched the score perfectly.

But it was the *Pierrot Lunaire* that lifted the evening right out of the ordinary. De Leeuw chose to work with an actress, not a singer, for the *sprechstimme*, and Barbara Sukowa (Lola in Fassbinder's film) was an electrifying, diminutive, fragile but forceful presence on stage. With a minimum of movement but a maximum of intense gesture, she conjured up the oppressive mood of the settings quite brilliantly. Her voice was thin, razor-sharp but infinitely expressive in its whines, squeals and glissandi.

The electrifying Barbara Sukowa in *Pierrot Lunaire*

The playing, under De Leeuw's remarkably sensual, almost swooning direction, was voluptuous and completely coherent: the so-often disjunct, unintelligible lines moved as one.

There were more typically way-out Holland Festival adventures at a Netherlands Wind Ensemble concert the previous night in Utrecht. This year's featured composer is Henry Brant, a Canadian follower of George Antheil who was born in 1913 but has received little recognition except on the American West Coast, where his brand of minimalism has found some favour. On the evidence of the seven pieces in this concert, Brant – a tiny, black-clothed, gnome-like figure who conducted all his own pieces with a sweeping, incisive beat – is an utterly individual talent. Like Ives, he uses fragments of popular music, and he spaces his performers widely around the auditorium. Typical was *Dialogue in the Jungle* for a brilliant scat soprano (Amy Synder) screeching around the leger lines in a gallery while wind and brass choirs fought it out on the ground. Sometimes the musical content sounds thin or random, but then a piece like *Signs and Alarms*, with its complex written-out solos for trumpet and trombone, persuades one otherwise.

In the second half of this long evening Lucas Vis conducted an enlarged ensemble in Louis Andriessen's *De Snelheid*, recently performed in San Francisco: raunchy, repetitive minimalism at its most hypnotic, with relentless percussion beats and busy figurations suddenly finding a focus in massive, unanimous chords and silences.

The third concert was far more popular in content, but no less revelatory in its way. The Concertgebouw Orchestra has been making some very unusual records of Mozart symphonies recently with Nikolaus Harnoncourt – better known for his work with the Vienna Concentus Musicus – and he conducted their annual festival concert in the massive RAI exhibition hall with a suitably light-hearted combination of Mozart's *The Impresario* and Strauss waltzes.

The Mozart, though introduced at length by a sort of Dutch equivalent of Les Patterson (which everyone else found pretty amusing), was a delight. Harnoncourt does very little to guide the orchestra, but he draws out crisp wind chords and hard, bright trumpet and drum sound with great precision. The singing of Arleen Auger and especially of Magda Nador was lively and piercing. Harnoncourt's rhythmic flexibility, wedded to the sophisticated, unshakeable ensemble sense of the Concertgebouw, produced some ravishing moments of rubato in the Strauss pieces: Harnoncourt led the strings in a *Pizzicato Polka* with many deliciously false starts and ritenutos. At this rate, Harnoncourt should be directing the next New Year's Day concert in Vienna. That would cause the old ladies a few surprises.

Nicholas Kenyon

Theatre

Treacherous dramatic subject

Silver Lady
Birmingham Rep

Ivy Benson, who rose from a poor childhood in Leeds and years as an exploited clarinettist to leading Ivy Benson's All-Ladies' Orchestra all over the world in the Forties and Fifties, deserves a niche in some kind of pantheon. She was artist, teacher, general and Saint Joan; but, judging from our preview of Liane Aukin's play, she is a treacherous dramatic subject between the Scylla of contradicatory qualities and the Charybdis of feminist and rags-to-riches clichés.

Staged by Peter Farago at vast expense, Miss Aukin's epic biography flounders on, apparently for hours, as if trying to clarify what it wants to say. So Ivy fought herself and her girls through to success in a man's world, but kept losing them at the altar. So her career-mindedness cost her two broken marriages, yet she confesses at the end that the right man might have come along. So, like Mr Chips and his thousand "sons", she speaks of all the children she has had, and all of them girls; but she has contacts at the London Clinic when pregnancy threatens them. She knows the exultation of the performer's platform but success becomes a dangerously fast carousel she cannot safely get off. Above all, you never discover what she wants; the success drive remains as much a mystery however close you approach.

Huge trucks and revolves by the Rep's head of design, Geoffrey Scott, bring on rehearsal platforms and communal dressing rooms where the girls lark about and grouse. Deirdre Clancy supplies a seemingly endless succession of captivating evening dresses in immaculate period. Polly Hemingway retains a marvellous gritty imperiousness through pages and pages that reflect on the subject without ever lighting it up.

The girls develop independent characters – Tara Soppet as the boyish blonde taking to drink over twenty years, Suzanna Grout the susceptible beauty, the elegant Donna Champion as a stupidily implausible Klutz and the massively obstinate Kate Edgar – while coming together for ravishing close-harmony or taking up their instruments for a rousingly professional set that saves the evening from a flat contusion.

Anthony Masters

A Mad World My Masters
Stratford East

The centenary of the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, is just going to have to be saluted for its own sake, as there is not a great deal to celebrate in the anniversary production. The one hundred candles do not burn brightly through *A Mad World My Masters*, though not because Barrie Keeffe's neo-Jacobean comedy creaks. Its tale of the working (or, in this case, mostly non-working) class crooked Sprightly family taking on a corrupt millionaire seems as full of inspired lunacy as when it was premièred in 1977, and topical references have been freshened with relish.

A news-report/striptease originally performed by an imitation Angela Rippon is now a political speech with clothes flying by a pseudo Mrs Thatcher, and the most uproarious moment of the production comes when Janette Legge lectures in a perfectly tied neckscarf, composedly held handbag, and nothing else between neck and waist. One reason Miss Legge's shiny bright impersonations of Mrs Thatcher and, later, Queen Elizabeth are so amusing is that she plays her character of Vi Sprightly with such lank hair, costume and attitude that Vi appears to have been processed out of a clothes dryer before its cycle was finished.

The millionaire with a penchant for young girls has been updated to a big wheel on the Dockland Redevelopment Board, which ties in nicely with the Sprightlys' abortive fiddle on the docks. Trevor Martin, with a wonderful voice like fog rolling in, acts him with unctuous and randy vigour. Imelda Staunton is cuddly and earnest as his social-worker daughter, and Michael Graham Cox as the bent Scotland Yard superintendant behaves like a baby-faced pugilist. The rest of the company ranges from good to miscast, but the production's problems begin before one actor appears.

Stephanie Howard's set, a grey fenced-in area with doors and a central grey shack with an assemblage of junk on top, is too enclosed and stifling for such an exuberant play. Music by Martin Duncan, with lyrics by the company, has no particular character and slows the action. The director, Jane Howell, has not been able to merge the cast into an ensemble which strikes sparks off each other, nor to build the pace of the play to get the most either from its farcical merriment or its satirical bite. When the MC asks at the end "Did you enjoy yourselves?" the answer can only be a very qualified yes.

Holly Hill

Concert

Philharmonia/Sanderling
Festival Hall

It was a grim evening that Kurt Sanderling had planned for us on Monday: two big E minor pieces, Brahms's Fourth Symphony and Prokofiev's Sinfonia Concertante for cello and orchestra, with no light relief except in the little thing by Casals that Lynn Harrell played with rapt beauty and charm as an encore. Unfortunately he had not been in such good form in the concerto, which needs outstanding playing if one is to be at all glad to be hearing it: Too many scoops from beneath the note mis-shaped the melody, and at times a fiercer attack was needed on music so inclined to ramble.

The symphony was a lot happier, if that is quite the word. This was a charcteristically furious performance from Mr Sanderling, full of grating chords, driving rhythms, half-formed ideas and raw contrasts of tempo and sonority. The effect was, needless to say, distinctly crude, but Mr Sanderling did it with such authority, and with such a lack of self-dramatizing, that the achievement was not crude in the least. It was a dismemberment carried out with perfect cold savagery, revealing not a serene work of art but a struggle of conflicting possibilities and tentatives towards such a work.

In support of his case Mr Sanderling made pointed use of the transition in the slow movement that takes the big tune up from cellos to violas to violins. As it moved, so it became less secure, the notes increasingly flickering with vibrato. And in the finale the more stable melodic sections were similarly given a dash of neurosis by having them torn into jagged phrases thrusting alternately up and down.

All this made Brahms sound uncommonly like Elgar, to whose music the Philharmonia – who respond searingly to Mr Sanderling – might well point him for future engagements.

Paul Griffiths

Aldeburgh Festival

CBSO/Rattle
Snape Maltings/Radio 3

During this final week of the Aldeburgh Festival there is some predictable new and recent music: a Robin Holloway piece for Peter Pears's birthday, an early Holst exhumation and a String Quintet by Imogen Holst, so long a pillar of the festival, who died this year. But the featured contemporary figure is quite unexpected: he is the Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu, who enjoyed a certain vogue here some years ago but has since been little heard.

On Monday the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle introduced his magical, sensuous, multicoloured orchestral piece *A Flock Descends into the Pentagonal Garden*. It was written in 1977 for San Francisco, has been recorded and was quite recently broadcast; Rattle's account was meticulously poetic, making almost as much of the silences as of the music.

Takemitsu is a famous composer of film music – Aldeburgh is showing four of the films during the festival – and his technique in *A Flock Descends* is almost cinematic: an atmosphere is established, intensified, and then the vision fades and a new one succeeds.

One can follow the use of the pentatonic scales, but the problem for the Western ear is the almost total lack of form and development. Takemitsu said, in a discussion with Patrick Carnegy the previous day, that his first excitement in Western music had come from looking at scores by Messiaen (or, in his own telegraphic words, "Messiaen pieces: Wow!"), and there is indeed much of his block-like juxtaposition of ideas in the scores – as well, in *A Flock Descends*, as a tendency to Messiaen-like added chords.

In the previous evening's concert by the London Sinfonietta conducted by Oliver Knussen (to whose enthusiasm we presumably owe Takemitsu's presence in Aldeburgh) a rather different character emerged.

Last time the Sinfonietta played Takemitsu it was to follow Elliott Carter, and the relationship was unproductive. Here he was sensitively surrounded by his own kind of sound-world: Debussy (*The Chansons de Bilitis* with flutes, celesta and harps, Nancy Evans the speaker), a spiky little Japanese essay by Jo Kondo, and a new work, *The Shorelines of Certainty*, by Jonathan Lloyd, an intriguingly lopsided piece which deserves more comment.

Even so, I found Takemitsu's *Rain Spell* for five instruments excessively preoccupied by the occasional loveliness of its effects, and like its companion, *Rain Coming*, it eventually dampened the spirits. Better was *Voice* for solo flute, its breathings and noises splendidly done by Sebastian Bell.

But far tougher and more interesting was the very recent *Orion* for cello and piano: here, the achingly slow pace and whining microtones of the cello were kept in check by a harmonic framework which was quite intelligible, almost traditional. The climaxes never came where one expected, but the whole – in a superb performance by Alexander Baillie and Julian Jacobson – had a tensile strength that kept attention stretched to the end.

Nicholas Kenyon

London debuts

Hard to compete

The British Chamber Orchestra have entered a highly competitive arena. Their aim is to present little-heard works in which talented soloists will act as advocates. The American flautist Katherine Kemler dominated the initial concert, appearing in three works. Charles Griffes's *Poem* (1918) was the least familiar, and its lyrically impressionistic style made attractive listening. Orchestral playing, however, was variable. Violin parts were often roughly handled, with weak intonation, and the conductor Thomas Hartman failed to accomplish a unifying balance of sound.

The Soviet Emigré Orchestra's concert was arranged by the Andrei Sakharov Fund; hence a highly sympathetic audience. A small string ensemble, they were heard in a predominantly popular programme, Shostakovich's quasi-autobiographical Sinfonietta being the exception. This last work had a poignant relevance, though consistent mellowness of tone acted against its angular aspects.

Some lapses from the violins were a momentary distraction in Mozart's *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, which opened the evening, and, though Tchaikovsky's Serenade in C was not entirely accurate, its finale was crisp and articulate. The group features many players of a high calibre, who contribute much to the overall richness and refinement of sound.

In quite a different idiom, Strings Attached perhaps does not belong in the conventional concert hall. Consisting of a string quartet supplemented by bass and drums, they use amplified sound, which on this occasion proved a little too much for a small hall. Trendy arrangements of Bach were unappealing, and it was the jazz-style numbers that best fitted the scope of the band. Sue Lynn's violin playing was very winning, and in Pete Kirby's setting of Ellington's "In a Sentimental Mood" the instrumental combination worked at its best. The audience greeted the music with real enthusiasm, though this was partly due to their relief on hearing familiar noises in an often forbidding setting.

James Methuen-Campbell

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170	113	Metal Bulletin	155		9.4	6.1	13.4
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6 months	10-9¾	12 months	10½-10¼

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Brussels	77.20-77.40f	77.30-77.40f	16-23c disc	42-55c disc
Copenhagen	13.8875-13.9325k	13.9025-13.9125k	3¼-4¾ore disc	8¼-9¼ore disc
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France	8.4600-8.4650
Japan	232.85-232.95
Italy	1699.50-1701.50
Belgium (Comm)	56.06-56.11
Hong Kong	7.8170-7.8185
Portugal	141-142
Spain	155.50-155.60
Austria	19.35-19.37

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.5562-1.5583
Bahrein	0.5170-0.5210
Finland	8.0143-8.0543
Greece	149.45-151.45
Hongkong	10.7640-10.7739
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4075-0.4115
Malaysia	3.1808-3.1853
Mexico	255-280
New Zealand	2.1415-2.1465
Saudi Arabia	4.8130-4.8530
Singapore	2.9047-2.9096
South Africa	1.7964-1.8002

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 11¼-11⅛; seven-days, 11½-11¼; one month, 11[illegible]-11[illegible]; three months, 11⅝-11½; six months, 12[illegible]-12[illegible].

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

COCOA

Jul	2025-23
Sept	1962-60
Dec	1822-20
Mar	1782-80
May	1790-89
July	1802-00
Sept	1810-08
Vol.	3,537

SUGAR

Aug	156.2-56.0
Oct	163.0-62.8
Dec	171.0-70.8
Mar	190.0-89.8
May	197.0-96.4
Aug	205.8-05.0
Oct	213.8-12.8
Vol:	1,225

RUBBER

July	615-08
Aug	620-17
Sept	632-30
Oct	643-40
Nov	657-56
Dec	676-64
Jan	690-78
Feb	697-78
March	710-04
July/Sept	620-18
Oct/Dec	658-57
Jan/March	697-96

COFFEE

July	2126-2123
Sept	2140-2136
Nov	2154-2151
Jan	2102-2101
March	2010-2002
May	1970-1950
Vol.	4,903

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 979.50-980.0
Three months 1001.00-1001.50
T/O 12,476
Tone: Firmer.

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 982-983.0
Three months 999.50-1001.0
T/O Nil
Tone: Idle.

TIN STANDARD
Cash 9205-9210
Three months 9135-9140
T/O: 340
Tone: Steady.

TIN HIGH-GRADE
Cash 9210-9225
Three months 9180-9181
T/O: 325
Tone: Steady

LEAD
Cash 355.0-356.0
Three months 350.50-351.0
T/O: 7,900
Tone: Steady

ZINC
Cash 631.0-632.0
Three months 639-640
T/O: 8,125
Tone: Firmer

SILVER LARGE
Cash 624.0-628.0
Three months 639.0-640.0
T/O: 53
Tone: Quiet.

SILVER SMALL
Cash 624.0-628.00
Three months 639-640
T/O: Nil
Tone: Idle.

ALUMINIUM
Cash 918.50-916.50
Three months 933.50-934.50
T/O: 25,800
Tone: Firmer

NICKEL
Cash 3400-3405
Three months 3475-3478
T/O: 732
Tone: Easier

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.
Aug 375.80-376.00
Vol 249
Tone: Quiet.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Mnth	Vol	Setlmt
YEN		
Sept'84	20	4350
Dec'84	–	–
Mar'85	–	–
Comment: Consolidating.		
STERLING		
Sept'84	28	1.3860
Dec'84	700	1.3955
Mar'85	701	1.4048
Comment: Holding.		
D-MARK		
Sept'84	69	3677
Dec'84	–	3732
Mar'85	–	–
Comment: Uncertain.		
SWISS FRANC		
Sept'84	4	4445
Dec'84	–	4532
Mar'85	–	–
Comment: Quiet.		
EURODOLLARS		
Sept'84	5177	8763
Dec'84	471	8713
Mar'85	218	8672
June'85	22	8645
Sep'85	6	8620
Comment: Mixed.		
SHORT STERLING		
Sept'84	827	9021
Dec'84	217	8966
Mar'85	97	8912
June'85	6	8885
Sep'85	–	–
Comment: Quietly improved.		
GILTS		
June'84	622	10425
Sept'84	4705	10326
Dec'84	–	10311
Mar'85	–	10300
Comment: Firm.		
LIFFE FTSE		
June'84	577	10500
Sept'84	48	10405
Dec'84	33	10485
Comment: Stronger		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fat-stock prices at representative markets on June 19:
GB: Cattle, 97.38p per kg lw (−4.08).
GB: Lambs, 129.21p per kg est d c w (−13.86).
GB: Pigs, 80.13p per kg lw (−5.74).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 26.9 per cent, ave. price, 94.38p (−3.87).
Lambs nos. down 14.6 per cent, ave. price, 129.61p (−12.52).
Pig nos. down 3.6 per cent, ave. price, 78.69p (−6.00).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 16.7 per cent, ave. price, 100.65p (−5.21).
Lambs nos. down 26.5 per cent, ave. price, 125.40p (−27.44).
Pig nos. down 19.5 per cent, ave. price, 90.91p (−2.34).

THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Summer sale by the Government Broker

Bankers are not as other men. For them, the month of June ends today. And surprisingly, June will go out like a lion in terms of funding the Chancellor's borrowing requirement, after slumbering like a lamb for most of the four weeks.

If, as the market believes, a last-minute burst of activity has pushed sales of debt up to £1 billion or more, after a poor showing in May, then the Bank of England will be much relieved. Yesterday's income and spending figures showed the public sector had rattled up a £3.62 billion borrowing requirement in the first two months of the year – either excessive, or far more seasonally skewed than usual.

The Bank and the Treasury will be anxious to keep up as far as possible with this hectic pace, for if they do not, they will find themselves trying to borrow just at the time when they are trying to tap the institutions' cash flow in another form to take up the big autumn privatization programme.

After the authorities' success on Monday in selling out the long taplet of Treasury 11½ per cent 2001-04, the Government Broker delved deep into his portfolio of available stocks and came up with some surprising offerings. In the course of yesterday, he sold out of his short "tranchette", Treasury 10 per cent, 1987, then liquidated the rump of his medium taplet, Exchequer 10¼ per cent, 1995. Finally, and with something of a swagger, the authorities revealed that the specialist low coupon issue, Treasury 3 per cent 1987, a line of which was created in early April, had also been gobbled up.

As ever, the cynics were in full, even exuberant, voice. They noted the proximity of the sales to make-up day – that is, today – and pointed out the change in stock selling prices in the last week or so.

The Government Broker cut his price on the 01/04 taplet by two points. The '87 issue went at 96¼, after the Broker had refused bids at 96½ on the first day of the taplet's life, plainly looking for a higher offer. These prices suggest a rush to sell.

There are sound fundamental reasons why the authorities should be keen to offer stock in a hurry. Banking June saw redemptions of two huge stocks – Exchequer 14 per cent 1984 and Treasury 3 per cent 1984 – which together totalled, in gross terms, approaching £2½ billion. If 50 per cent of these stocks was still held by the market at the date of redemption, then even the Broker's efforts at the end of the month may not have been sufficient to prevent these redemptions boosting the monetary aggregates.

Even if the authorities have succeeded in selling, as some suggest, about £1½ billion in banking June, only that portion of sales taken up by the non-bank private sector counts as funding in terms of £M3 *et al*. The banks were thought to be aggressive buyers of stock yesterday.

To some extent, however, these caveats pale beside the gilt-edged market's general sense of relief that the authorities are selling stock again. A rise on the day yesterday of ¼ point in shorts and about ¾ point in longs fails to convey the change in atmosphere in the market. Suddenly some traders are talking about an early end to the miners strike a sign more of optimism than political insight.

Other, less sanguine operators, are wondering what kind of funding package is now being put together. A low coupon, private client stock was the leading option last night, with perhaps a high coupon, corporate treasurer-type bond as the second favourite. But overall the market was happy to contemplate the future – and think that it worked.

Barratt looks to its image

The share price of Barratt Developments quivered only marginally – down 2p at 90p – after Monday's "World in Action" programme which alleged that first-time buyers had been pressurized into buying Barratt starter homes they could then not resell.

This is not to belittle the power of television. Advance warnings about the programme meant the news had been discounted. But the effects of the adverse publicity on future Barratt sales and hence profits are another matter.

The task ahead of Barratt, which labelled the programme unbalanced, unfair and lacking impartiality, is twofold. First, it will have to try to use its famed marketing skills to counteract the allegations and keep selling the product, which will be much harder to move than before. Secondly, it will have to bolster the confidence of shareholders who have seen shares slump from a 1983 high of 280p to a low this year of 86p.

This task is already in hand. Today Barratt's stockbroker Cazenove will play host at a meeting between the company and 40 of its largest English institutional shareholders, holding 250,000 or more shares, to reassure them that the company is confident it can tackle the future.

Shareholders will want to know what marketing strategy Barratt intends to adopt and what estimates it can make of next year's sales. The City is already expecting sales this year to the end of this month to slump to 13,000 units against 18,000, and pretax profits to fall to £38m against £50.5m. Last year's "World in Action" programme, attacking timber frame housing, did much of the damage. Overall, housing completions are expected to rise to 216,000 in 1984 against 177 in 1982. Barratt's share, as market leader, has already tumbled.

Estimates for Barratt's own profits next year are all over the place, but range as low as £20m and, from the more optimistic, as high as £42m. At the lower end of the range the dividend increase must be in doubt. The company policy is for the dividend to rise in line with inflation.

Barratt must already have a clue to next year by the number of house purchases cancelled after the programme. Shareholders might also want to know in detail the results of the Marplan survey commissioned by Barratt, which showed a high degree of satisfaction among Barratt owners, and whether the survey gave any pointers to strategy in terms of changing the product mix away from the all-in white goods and carpets package, back to the no frills.

The housing market as a whole is losing buoyancy and starts are now lagging.

Finally, if Barratt has gone ex-growth, shareholders, who slumped up only 18 months ago for a £46m rights issue, may well ask what the company has become. The prospective yield, assuming a final dividend increase in line with the interim, is a handsome 13 per cent. But where does the ever-inventive Sir Lawrie Barratt go from here?

Enterprise goes to market in cut-price £392m sell-off

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

The Government yesterday shrugged off the recent weakness of the stock market and pressed ahead with the planned flotation of Enterprise Oil, putting a minimum value on the business of £392m.

This is some way below most market estimates, which until the last few days at least had valued Enterprise, a new company set up to take over the North Sea oil assets of the state-owned British Gas corporation, at anything from £400m to £475m. The sharp slide in share values during the last few weeks, particularly in the oil sector, has left the Government with the awkward choice of either postponing the issue or settling for lower proceeds.

Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, confirmed in the Commons yesterday that the sale was going ahead, with 212 million shares being offered to investors at a minimum tender price of 185p. Apart from the single "golden share" which the Government is to retain until 1988 as a protection against unwanted foreign takeover, the entire share capital is, as expected, being sold in one go.

Prospectuses will be published later this week, with the closing date for applications set for next Wednesday.

By opting for what was generally seen in the City last night as a conservative minimum tender price, the Government could still get closer to its original £425m sale target if enough investors submit tenders above the minimum level, or if the market in general recovers.

The issue was underwritten on Monday by Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank which has advised the Government on the privatization of Enterprise from the outset, and three other leading banks, Schroders, Morgan Grenfell and S. G. Warburg. Sub-underwriting by City institutions was successfully completed yesterday.

The prospectus shows that Enterprise is forecasting pretax profits this year of £113m, and net income after tax of £47m. At the minimum tender price of 185p a share produces a yield of 5.41 per cent at the minimum tender price.



Graham Hearne: salary of £90,000 a year

Production for Enterprise's proven North Sea fields is projected to rise from 24,410 barrels a day last year to a peak of 43,860 bpd in 1985, before starting to decline. The prospectus confirms that likely oil production from one of its key fields, North West Hutton, has been downgraded. Total estimated reserves in the field have also been downgraded from 280 million to 130 million barrels.

Enterprise's directors say the company has further oil and gas discoveries in the exploration acreage inherited from British Gas, four of which could be developed in the next 10 years. This could add between 20 million and 80 million barrels of oil to existing commercial reserves of 117 million barrels.

The prospectus also confirms that Enterprise has no real debt, and £80m of cash to help pursue plans for expansion in the North Sea and overseas. It discloses that Mr Graham Hearne, the chief executive, is being paid £90,000 a year, and three other directors £60,000 a year. A share option scheme for senior executives is planned.

Mr John MacArthur, a director of Kleinwort Benson, dismissed the recent suggestion by the Public Accounts Committee that shares in privatized companies should be sold in a series of tranches, like a gilt-edged stock, as unrealistic.

Fewer US home starts

American housing starts, which are a leading indicator of the state of the economy, fell by 10.5 per cent between April and May. Personal income, however, rose by 0.6 per cent.

Housing starts fell to 1.78 million last month, after rising by 19.7 per cent in April, the Commerce Department said yesterday. Last month's figure was only 0.2 per cent higher than the number of starts for the same period of 1983.

Mr Malcolm Baldridge, the Commerce Secretary, said higher mortgage rates had caused the decline in the rate of increase in housing starts.

Wide fluctuations in the number of housing starts mean that a single month's statistics are no guide to the future. But the percentage rise in personal incomes was exactly the same as the revised increase for April. In cash terms, Americans earned £17.6bn (£12.9bn) last year.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1056.0 up 13.4 (high: 10.59.3; low: 1054.1)
FT Index: 832.2 up 11.0
FT Gilts: 79.30 up 0.38
FT All Share: 494.54 up 5.44
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 104.04 up 1.28
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,197.34 up 114.87
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 927.39 down 4.98
Amsterdam: 151.3 up 1.5
Sydney: AO Index 648.2 up 1.9
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 989.2 up 7.3
Brussels: General Index 142.61 up 0.45
Paris: CAC Index 164.80 unchanged
Zurich: SKA General 374.10 up 3.7

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.3780 up 35pts
Index 79.6 up 0.1
DM 3.80 up 0.01
FrF 11.6625 up 0.0275
Yen 320.75 down 1.25
Dollar
Index 132.1 unchanged
DM 2.7570 up 0.0015
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.3785
Dollar DM 2.7565
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.588907
SDR £0.754129

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9, 9¼
Finance houses base rate 9½
Discount market loans week fixed 8
3 month interbank 9$^{5}/_{16}$-9¼

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 1$^{7}/_{16}$-11$^{9}/_{16}$
3 month DM 5⅜-5¾
3 month Fr F13-12⅞-12¾

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.50
Fed funds 11⅝
Treasury long bond 100$^{5}/_{16}$-100$^{7}/_{16}$

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period May 2 to June 5, 1984 inclusive: 9.516 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $370.20 pm $370.60
close $371.25-371.75 (£269-269.50)
New York (latest): $372.00
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$382.50-384 (£277.50-278.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$87-88 (£63-63.75)
*Excludes VAT

● AIRSPRUNG GROUP (shares traded on the over-the-counter market): 15 months to March 31, 1984, compared with previous year. Turnover £23.3m (£5.01m). Pretax profit £1.11m (£426,000). Total dividend 5.6p (4.3p).

French buy Minster interests

By Jeremy Warner

Minster Assets is selling all its insurance and banking interests to Ste Centrale de Group des Assurances Nationales (GAN), the State-owned French life assurance concern for £65.6m in cash, ending months of stock market speculation concerning the company's future.

The deal is, in effect, a disguised takeover bid, since it is intended that the money – worth 153p a share – will be handed back to shareholders once a suitable scheme for doing so is devised.

Shareholders will also receive shares in a new company which will hold the substantial oil exploration interests that Minster currently owns in the North Sea. This company, which will be quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, will be given a cash injection of £5m to fund exploration and development before it is floated off on its own.

Both parties in the transaction stressed yesterday that talks on the detailed method and terms for its implementation were still at an early stage and that it could take some months to put the scheme together.

GAN has held 40 per cent stake in Minster Insurance, the main trading arm of Minster Assets, accounting for about 69 per cent of the group's profits last year, since 1976 and has injected new capital into the business since. As part of the original 1976 agreement, GAN was given pre-emptive rights to acquire the rest of Minster Insurance if there was a change of control in the parent company.

But yesterday's agreement allows the French company to buy Minster's substantial Lloyd's underwriting agency business and Minster Trust, a small banking operation, in addition to the 60 per cent it does not already own in Minster Insurance.

Argentina to revive talks

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Argentina has agreed to send a "technical mission" to Washington this week to revive stalled negotiations with the International Monetary Fund in an attempt to defuse growing international criticism of its hardline stance on debt repayments.

Disclosure of the mission by aides to Senor Bernardo Grinspun, Argentinas economic minister, coincided with an announcement in Washington that US regulators will require commerical banks to adopt tougher accounting procedures on overdue Argentine loans.

The move by bank regulators, following a decision by the US Treasury not to extend the deadline on $300 million (£218m) loan for Argentina, was regarded as an important signal from Washington to Latin American nations holding a "debtors' summit" in Colombia this week.

The US wants to head off militant proposals by other debbtor nations by demonstrating that Argentina will not be let off lightly if it persists in defying IMR demands for economic austerity measures, Treasury sources said.

The new accounting procedures endorsed by regulators over the weekend would require a number of large banks with loans outstanding to Argentina to report sharply lower profits for the third quarter and beyond.

Wall street analysts responded favourably to the new ruling, saying it would help banks restore integrity to accounting procedures and calm public fears over the health of the banking system.

Meanwhile, officials at the Argentine Embassy in Washington sought to reassure the banking community yesterday by issuing a statement noting that talks are continuing with commercial bank creditors, to find ways to pay enough interest by June 30 to keep Argentine loans off the problems list.

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US banks trim to aid debt package

From Nick Gilbert, New York

The leading American banks are preparing to inject a dose of realism into the method used for accounting for Argentine debt.

As a result, their half-yearly results will be hit by the long-awaited cuts in earnings, been avoided, with a combination of cosmetic arithmetic and generous interpretation of accounting rules by the American banking authorities.

One of the the biggest lenders, Manufacturers Hanover, has announced "more conservative" treatment on its $1,321m (£964m) of Argentinian loans. As a result, its second quarter earnings will be reduced by $25m or 26 per cent, even if Argentina pays its interest arrears by June 30, the crucial end-of-quarter date.

If Argentina does not pay, the reduction will rise to $35m. Other leading banks are likely to follow suit, though their exposure to Argentinian debt is less, thus reducing the impact on earnings.

The move comes after a letter to the banks from the Federal Reserve Board and the Comptroller of the Currency, setting out a stricter interpretation of the 90-day rule on interest arrears.

It comes just before Argentina and other Latin American nations meet to discuss their debt position in Cartagena, Colombia. The move is seen as an attempt to put further pressure on Argentina to reach accord with the International Monetary Fund.

It is thought that the American banks are prepared to cut their earnings – a step they and the regulators have avoided. In the process increasing Argentina's leverage in debt bargaining.

Mr Dick Bové, a bank analyst at Shearson American Express, calculates that the change effectively increases Argentina's interest arrears from about $450m to about $750m. The main impact for the banks is that they will have to make a deduction for interest payments credited.

Watch on progress at IMF

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

Argentina's main bank creditors are pressing ahead with a contingency package to reduce its interest arrears, which could be rapidly put in place if the country makes progress in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund.

However, bankers conceded yesterday that time was running short, if American banks were to avoid having to classify many loans as non-performing, and the package would still have to be linked firmly to IMF negotiations.

The package would involve the 11 advisory group banks, including Lloyds Bank, putting up a further $125m (£91m) in loans backed by Argentine deposits at the New York Federal Reserve.

Argentina would draw on its own reserves to bring the total up to about $500m – the sum needed to pay off interest arrears to the beginning of April.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wedgwood triples profits

Wedgwood, the china and pottery manufacturer, yesterday announced results for 1983/84 which fully justified the stock market's recent optimism over the figures. Pretax profits for the year to March 31 jumped from last year's depressed £3.3m to a record £10.6m. Profits two years ago were around £8m.

The shares rose 9p on the figures to 137p, cheered by the generous rise in the dividend. After a final of 3.5p, the total payout for the year rises from 4.4p to 5.75p.

Wedgwood's chairman, Sir Arthur Bryan, commented that the profits recovery came on the back of better margins and a favourable sterling/dollar rate. "Encouraging tourist trade, especially in the West End, also helped," he added.

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● GEI INTERNATIONAL, the specialist engineer and packaging company, increased its profits from £2.8m to last year. The chairman, Mr Tom Kenny, says that all divisions were profitable and all but one earned more than in the previous year.

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● BRITISH LAND has increased its pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 from £7.7m to £9m. Gross rentals increased by 7.7 per cent to £21m. Total dividend for the year is 2p against 1.25p last time.

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● THE HOUSE OF LORDS reserved judgment on an appeal by Laker Airways and its liquidator seeking to establish the right to sue British Airways and British Caledonian in its multi-million pound anti-trust action in America.

Next man for Hepworth

Mr George Davies, the man who created the Next Chain of more expensive women's fashion stores, has become J Hepworth & Son's group joint managing director and from January 1, 1985, will be its chief executive.

The success of the Next chain has greatly improved Hepworth's financial fortunes and the concept is to be extended to menswear. In August, 16 Next for Men stores will be opened and a further 36 by October.

Mr Davies brought the Next idea to the Hepworth board in 1981 and 70 stores were opened in February, 1982.

Plessey chief's £200,000

By Jonathan Clare

Sir John Clark, chairman and chief executive of The Plessey Company, has joined the select band of British businessman who earn more than £200,000 a year.

The annual report of the electronics group, published yesterday, shows his salary increased by one-third from £154,874 to £206,468. He also has the benefit, first reported in the previous accounts, of a rent-free London home with rental value of £25,000.

The salary of the highest paid director increased from £233,128 to £248,365 while the total bill for directors' pay went up from £1.18m to 1.31m.

The directors' report says the company "is giving the most serious consideration to collaborative projects in association with international partners in order to enhance business prospects to serve customers in markets which might otherwise be closed".

It also says that Plessey plans to exchange technological and marketing expertise between the US and Britain. The emphasis on the investment programme towards new digital technology, in particular the vertical integration of the business from materials research to the finished product.

Call to free Fraser shares

From Our Correspondent

Three of Scotland's senior judges were asked yesterday to lift their court ban and free 2 million House of Fraser shares for sale.

In 1982 the judges at the Court of Session in Edinburgh granted a court ban to House of Fraser after the purchaser of the shares, Richard Daus and Co, of Frankfurt, West Germany refused to identify an eastern overseas investor who wanted the shares.

The court order prevented any transfer of the shares which represent 1.3 per cent of the voting share capital and removed the voting rights. Several attempts have been made since then to have the court order recalled.

Mr James Clyde, QC for Daus, told the Court of Session yesterday that it would appear that House of Fraser was a company remarkably or exceptionally sensitive in the matter of acquisition of its shares. He said the background to the whole case was the battle between Lonrho a substantial shareholder in House of Fraser and the remainder of the House of Fraser board.

At the time of the purchase of the shares the battle was just warming up. Daus's purchase of the shares was not connected directly or indirectly with Lonrho. The name of the would-be purchaser, whose identity had previously been concealed, had now been given to House of Fraser as Daiei, of Japan.

However, as Daiei was no longer interested in buying shares, Daus now wanted to well the shares but could not do so because of the court ban.

The hearing continues

Managers criticize Government plans

BIM urges more regional aid

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Big improvements in the physical and social amenities of Britain's depressed areas would be the most effective element in a new Government policy for the regions, according to the British Institute of Management.

In its response to the White Paper on regional policy, the institute, which represents 75,000 managers, calls for a decentralization of regional policy making and urges the Government to concentrate on the creation rather than the transference of jobs.

The White Paper, published at the end of last year, marks the first thorough investigation of the way public money is spent on the depressed areas since the present system of incentives was introduced in 1972.

In the last 20 years, more than £20 billion has been spent on trying to correct imbalances in employment opportunities across the nation.

The paper left many questions unanswered and sought responses from interested parties by the end of last month.

But it was made clear that the Department of Trade and Industry under Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State, is deeply dissatisfied with the way the present system is operating, particularly with its impact on unemployment.

The view expressed in the White Paper is that the current bias in the system of regional development grants towards capital intensive projects is misplaced, that incentives must be more cost effective "with greater emphasis on job creation and selectivity and less discrimination against service industries".

But Mr Roy Close, the BIM's director general, said yesterday: "Managers have expressed many doubts about the measures proposed by the Government.

"Their strong feeling is that the single measure that could be most effective in helping the disadvantaged regions win their proper share of industrial development is to improve their physical and social amenities.

"It is a tragedy that the Government continues to ignore this sound advice to raise the level of investment."

The BIM says managers believe that regional policy can be justified on social but not economic grounds and should be part of an overall industrial policy.

Regions should have more autonomy because the present centralized bureaucracy is "unwieldy, inefficient and counter-productive", it adds.

The BIM believes that facilities to assist labour mobility and to improve education and training would help to bring balance to the regions, and care must be taken to ensure that employment related grants do not encourage overmanning.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

American buoyancy gives a double boost to London

By Michael Clark

The London Stock Market took fresh heart from the overnight rally on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average enjoyed its best one day performance since April 12.

Equitites decided to make the most of the good news as the jobbers marked share prices sharply higher first thing. Later in the day prices showed signs of running out of steam only to recover as New York again opened higher in early trade.

Dealers, however, complained that buying remained selective with turnover down to a trickle. Having been 12.7 higher at the first calculation the FT Index lost some of its early impetus with the lead cut to 9.8 at 3pm. But by the close of business it had advanced once again to close 11.0 up at 832.2. The FT-SE 100 was in even better form closing 13.4 up at 1056.0.

Dealers appeared cheered by the market's performance as they left their offices for home last night, but market conditions remain tense and the level of turnover continues to urge caution on the part of investors for the time being.

The exodus of dealers and investors alike down to Ascot for the first day of the Royal meeting seemed a peculiar day for the Government broker to choose to drum up business. But the tactic appears to have worked. After selling the remainder of the long tap Treasury 11½ per cent 2001-04 on Monday he decided to cut the price on other stocks yesterday. These included Treasury 10 per cent 1987, Exchequer 10¼ per cent 1995 and the specialist low coupon Treasury 3 per cent 1987 all of which was quickly sold out to eager investors.

The move also succeeded in generating some useful business for the rest of the gilt market. Prices in longs as much as £¼ up, while in shorts the gains were limited to £⅛.

Further relection of Monday's PSBR figures, which was better than expected, also helped sentiment. If prices continue to enjoy support the Government broker may take the opportunity issue a new "tap" later in the week.

Among leaders **Peninsular & Oriental** gained 8p to 298p amid rumours that the group has finally found a buyer for its Leadenhall St headquarters. The huge office block has a book value of around £73m. Word in the market suggests that it has been sold for £71m and an announcement is to be made later this week. Last night P & O declined to comment.

Fleet Holdings advanced 4p to 189p, in spite of rumours that Mr Robert Maxwell had decided against the move and is now turning his attention to the *Daily Mirror*, soon to be floated off by Reed International. But the market is still convinced that Mr Maxwell is keen to pick up the *Daily Express*, *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star* and achieve his lifetime ambition of owning a Fleet Street newspaper.

Applied Holographics can expect a warm welcome from investors when dealings start on the Unlisted Securities Market next Monday. The 1.25 million shares being placed by the broker Laing & Cruickshank at 180p could open as high as 225p in first-time dealings. Dealers are predicting that the shares could hit 300p within a few weeks. However, the idea still has to prove itself commercially and small investors are advised to be cautious.

Close observers say the bid could arrive this week – possibly on Thursday, or Friday – with an opening bid of about 220p a share. Later in the day the shares encountered profits taking and closed at 186p – a rise of 1p on the day. At this level the group is valued at over £155m.

Piccadilly Radio's debut on the Unlisted Securities Market produced only minimal interest following the placing of a mere 800,000 non-voting shares (10.26 per cent) at 28p. The opening price of 29½p was the best level of the day and the shares later settled at 28½p – a ½p premium.

Piccadilly came to market against a background of falling revenues and increased competition from breakfast television which could see pretax profits tumble from £429,000 to £385,000. No money was raised by the placing and the board said it has only come to the USM to comply with the Independent Broadcasting's policy of offering wider local share ownership.

This week's other newcomers on the USM also failed to drum up much support. **London & Clydesdale** slipped another 1p to 106p – a discount of 2p on the original placing price of 108p for one of Scotland's best known housebuilders. Trencherwood, another housebuilder, held steady at 150p compared with its placing price on Monday of 145p.

Building shares generally were a firm market, no doubt held by shortages of stock among the leaders. This might account for a net 2p fall to 90p in leading housebuilder **Barratt Developments** despite a blistering attack on the group by Granada's World In Action programme on Monday.

The programme highlighted the plight of some buyers of Barratt's starter homes. But shares of Barratt – currently standing just 4p above the year's low – have been enjoying a certain amount of support at this level.

Elsewhere, **Ibstock Johnsen** spurted 6p to 186p, **Redland** 3p to 242p, **BPB Industries** 4p to 280p, **Evode** 6p to 125p, **Henderson Group** 18p to 231p, **Newman-Tonks** 3p to 92p, **Pilkington Bros** 10p to 283p, **Tarmac** 4p to 428p, **RMC Group** 4p to 378p and **French Kier** 2p to 122p.

Bank share attempted a long awaited rally, but ran out of steam and closed below their best levels of the day. No doubt still oversadowed by the continuing threat of higher domestic interest rates and the world debt crisis. **Barclays** hit 459p, at one stage, before closing at 454p – a net rise of 7p. **Lloyds** added 10p to 522p, while **Midland** rose 5p to 314p. **National Westminster** 7p to 559p with **Royal Bank of Scotland** on 219p and **Bank of Scotland** on 332p

The Office of Fair Trading is expected to make a decison today on whether or not Dee Corporation's bid for Booker McConnell should be referred. Yesterday Booker's chairman, Mr Michael Caine, said its relaunched cash and carry operations were showing a 28 per cent sales increase. The shares closed at 169p yesterday.

Insurance composites saw **Commercial Union** open firm but then encounter profit taking. The shares closed 2p lower at 215p having been as high as 220p.

Takeover rumours continue to surround the shares with the German insurance company Allianz favourite to make the first move. However, a question mark hangs over the group's trading performance and many brokers are complaining that at these levels the shares are overvalued. Stockbroker Savory Milln has also expressed doubts that the board can maintain the interim dividend.

General Accident edged 3p higher at 473p, London United Investments 1p to 216; **Phoenix Assurance** 8p to 453p and **Royal Insurance** 5p to 443p. Insurance brokers barely stirred from overnight positions. **C E Heath** added 3p to 421p, **Hogg Robinson** 1p to 183p, **Minet** 3p to 160p, **Sedgwick** 3p to 245p, and **Stewart Wrightson** 2p to 363p.

Life insurances also made a firm start, but usanally failed to hold their best levels. **Britannic** rose 7p at 453p, after 458p, **Equity & Law** 2p at 145p, after 150p, **Hambro Life** 2p at 375p, after 380p, **Legal & General** 9p at 445p, after 448p, **London & Manchester** 15p at 448p, after 455p, and **Prudential** 6p at 451p, after 455p.

A stronger dollar meant another disappointing session for gold as the bullion price lost $2.10 on world markets to close at $391.65 an ounce. But gold shares enjoyed selective support.

Among the heavyweights **Randfontein** hardened $½ to $147½, **St Helena** $1 to $35½, **Southval** $½ to $62½ **Unisel** $½ to $13½. At the cheaper end of the market, **Leslie Gold** improved 10 cents to 323 cents, **Vlakfontein** 10 cents to 273 cents, while **South African Land** slid 3 cents to 620 cents and **Marievale** 8 cents to 355 cents.

Equity turnover on June 18 was £183.759m (15,544 bargains). The total number of British and Irish stocks traded was 103 million. Gilt bargains totalled 2,980.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **MEYER INTERNATIONAL:** The pretax profits of Meyer International, Britain's largest timber group, leapt from £21.6m to £32.7m in the year to the end of the March, reflecting continuing benefits from the merger which created the group two years ago. But this increase will not be repeated in the current year and the group expects results will be broadly similar to those just reported. A final dividend of 3.1p is being recommended, lifting the total by 26 per cent to 4.75p.

● **L R C INTERNATIONAL:** Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £159.41m (£144.04m). Pretax profit £15.02m (£12.21m). Total dividend 3.5p (2.95p, adjusted).

● **J. H. FENNER:** Half-year to March 3, 1984. Turnover £86.4m (£68.98m). Pretax profit £2.41m (£1.75m). Interim dividend 2p (same). Board confident that pace of recovery will accelerate again when current disputes are resolved.

● **STRONG & FISHER:** Agreement reached for Strong to sell to Mair and Co of New Zealand its 40 per cent stake in Colyer Watson for £1.9m.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Renewed profit-taking in the dollar left currency rates little changed from morning positions. The Deutschemark came under some mid-session selling pressure, in quiet trading, but aided by some short-covering was able to stablize positions at the close.

Sterling near to testing Monday's record low during the afternoon, ended the day 35 points up at 1.3780.

The pound improved at 3.7960 (3.7890) against the Deutschemark but gave up an earlier advantage against the Swiss franc which closed unchanged at 3.1510. Sterling's effective exchange index finished marginally improved at 79.6 (79.5).

MONEY MARKETS

Surplus conditions fostered cheap money yesterday. The Bank of England put the surplus at about £350m, but reduced its forecast to £200m later.

In the afternoon, the authorities moved to absorb surplus finds by selling Treasury bills to mature today at rates of discount from 7⅞ to 8¼ per cent.

When giving its early forecast of monetary conditions for the day the Bank identified a £223m drain on the system by way of maturing assistance and Treasury bill take-up, but added that Exchequer transactions might be expected to generate £525 for the market and that a further £55m ought to come from a decline in note circulation.

TEMPUS

Breaking out of the mould as Wedgwood profits soar

Wedgwood enjoyed a kind of *annus mirablilis* last year. At the halfway stage, pretax profits had more than doubled from £1.1m to £2.8m. But, during the second half, the gain was roughly 200 per cent, as returns from October-March trading leaped from £2.6m to £7.8m. Hardly surprisingly, the boost to the final dividend takes the year's total payment up by nearly a third.

Enthusiasm for the results, however, must be tempered by thoughts of past year comparisons: 1982-3 was disastrous, with profits slumping some £4.5m to £3.7m. (The group's more normal profit range lies between £6m-£8m.) This year's figures demonstrate that Wedgwood, at long last, has broken into new high ground for profits by slashing the workforce and trimming unit costs. New product deveolpment also leaped.

A sales gain of 14 per cent, splitting more or less evenly between values and volume gains, is solid, rather than explosive. But the two-way stretch on the tumbling sterling/dollar rate clearly helped, as US export sales improved and American tourists bought more Wedgwood for less in West End shops.

The exchange rate argument can be taken further since Wedgwood, traditionally, sees itself as a paradigm of Britain's export effort. The boost to US business from exchange rate gains is matched by problems in Europe. Wedgwood is frank about the drag on marketing from an overvalued pound against, for example, the Deutschemark. Analysts reckon that a DM3.20 rate against sterling, and a trade-weighted index round 75, might be worth another £5m in profits. Dividends presumably would rise pro rata.

The retreat which Wedgwood is beating from its Californian plant is linked to this theme, since cheap imports have killed the group's sun-belt business. Selling the Hollywood site should raise $20m – plus, or enough to cover all long-term liabilities. But whether the group reinvests in Europe to get round the rate dilemma must remain an exciting imponderable.

British Land

British Land's increase in net asset value from 165p to 187p might at a first glance appear to be a reasonable performance. However, if you strip out the acquisition of a 50 per cent stake in the Euston Centre, London, worth about 12p per share and net profits for the year worth about 6p per share, the effective increase attributable to property revaluations looks a little thin.

On top of this British Land has the continuing problem of its Plantation House investment in the City valued at £116m and accounting for about 40 per cent of net assets value. The stock market refuses to believe that the property would ever fetch the valuation and British Land's shares trade at a discount greater than that of the property sector as a whole to reflect this.

There seems no way that this position will change. It is unfortunate for British Land because the property is well located, in good condition and produces a quality income stream. In 1983/84 it contributed £6m of rental income, a figure which has increased 104 per cent over the last five years.

Although the trading range of the shares has moved up to the 115p to 130p area, it has not achieved the growth that might have been expected. It moves freely within this range, but without some change of heart over the value of Plantation House it will be hard-pressed to break out.

Another problem for British Land is its diverse range of activities. The industrial interests contribute about £3m of profit out of a pretax profit of £9m. Although its assets are not a substantial part of a group's portfolio their presence is enough to confuse and discourage some investors.

The shares went up on the announcement of the results, but slipped back to remain unchanged at 119p. The stock remains unexciting and is one to trade rather than hold in the short term.

GEI International

GEI International, the specialist engineer and packaging machinery-maker, can breathe a corporate sigh of relief for coming through the recession without actually succumbing as badly as it might have.

Nevertheless, there are some black marks, not least last year's retained deficit, probably the fist in 20 years, the continuing embarrassment of the police investigation into unexplained losses at Cox-Denholm in 1982-83 and a reduction in the net asset value from 95.3p to 91.6p per share.

On the positive side, short-time working has ceased, orders are up by more than one-third and the company is ready to spend up to $3m (£2.2m) on another US packaging company. Profits are certain to lift from the low plateau of the last four years this year, but will remain well below the near-£7m of 1979-80.

The bottom-line deficit of £501,000, against a profit of £88,000, is after a substantial extraordinary item of £657,000, mainly from the closure of Barlow & Chidlaw. This extraordinary cost, together with the writing off of goodwill of £500,000 from Metramatic, the highly successful US acquistion, is largely responsible for the fall in the net asset value.

Cox-Denholm, the bakery ovens subsidiary, lost £350,000 on a turnover of £1.5m. Unlike last year, the loss has been included in the results and there will be no auditor's qualification on the accounts.

Ideally, the company would like to return to its previous level of three-times dividend cover, but says this long term aim does not preclude an increase in dividend. Shareholders have seen no increase since 1979-80.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

Authorized Unit Trusts

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Geoffrey Matthews, in Bogota, on the 'debtors' summit'

A prayer for deliverance from the great dollar siege

In purely symbolic terms there could hardly be a more appropriate venue for this week's Latin American "debtors' summit" than Cartagena, the beautiful Spanish colonial city on Colombia's Caribbean coast.

Founded in 1533 Cartagena – the conquistadores' first bastion on the South American continent – was built like a fortress to withstand ferocious attacks by British and French pirates seeking to loot the New World treasure brought there for shipment to Madrid to enrich the Spanish throne.

Not for nothing is it called the "heroic city". Its massive walls and fort leave no doubt why it held its own against the fleets of Morgan, Drake and Vernon. So savage were the constant sieges to which Cartagena was subjected that it is said the city's womenfolk used to pray daily in the San Pedro church for a respite from the bloodshed and violence. "This week perhaps prayers will be offered in San Pedro for relief from economic slaughter.

Today Latin America feels besieged by what it perceives as the piracy of an unjust international financial order. As a result a fortress mentality is growing among the debtor nations that will be represented at the two-day meeting effectively starting today.

The meeting will be the foreign ministers and finance ministers of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia and Venezuela, the same countries which sent an SOS to the Lancaster House summit earlier this month calling for fairer treatment in resolving the foreign debt crisis. They are still uncertain whether their distress call was properly interpreted by Mrs Thatcher and company. It is also expected that some Central American and Caribbean nations will send representatives to Cartagena.

Participants may not have much time for sightseeing in a jewel of a city offering many tourist delights, though they might get a sadistic kick out of visiting a curious museum which displays a wide array of torture instruments employed during the Inquisition.

There are no prizes for guessing their preferred victims for the inhumane treatment, not to mention a turn on the rack – "those young financiers om London who between 974 and 1981 invaded our ontinent offering dollars . . . ithout ever taking the least ire to calculate the true ipacity of their clients to pay", rote one Bogota economics litor at the weekend, adding tterly, "confronted by a tuation which clearly threated disaster, the great hypoetical guardian of world nancial sanity, the Interitional Monetary Fund, reained a mere spectator."

Certainly brash young banks and the IMF will stand in e dock at Cartagena.

But as the same editor and others are the first to admit, so too will the recklessly irresponsible technocrats charged with running national economies by military regimes in countries like Argentina, Brazil and Chile, who threw caution to the wind, so sublimely confident were they of the infallibility of their "Chicago School" supplyside economics and their sure judgment in negotiating international loans for wildly extravagant public-spending projects.

The Cartagena meeting is hardly a media event in the class of the London summit, but will still be quite an affair, drawing several hundred journalists from Latin America and the US, and should quickly eclipse the annual Cartagena Film Festival – the continent's miniature Cannes – drawing to a close at the same time (the title of one of the entries, *Bajo El Volcan* – Under The Volcano – has proved an irresistible headline over Colombian newspaper articles previewing the meeting).

Yet while these may not be the best of times in Latin America, nor are they necessarily the worst.

The debt crisis generates feeling of doom, but there is also a discernible sense of cautious optimism, fueled by the leadership of men like Colombia's President Belisario Betancur Cuartas and Argentina's Senor Raul Alfonsin, that Latin America may be entering a new era with democracy in the ascent, the generals in retreat, and revolutionary guerrillas – outside of Central America – without a consituency.

Yet at the same time everyone agrees that if this mood is to gather strength, the debt crisis must be sorted out fast.

Red danger signals have already been flashing ominously. Last month riots rocked the tiny, normally tranquil Dominican Republic (with a $2.5 billion foreign debt) after basic food prices were hiked as part of austerity measures introduced following a three-year IMF bail-out loan of $430 million.

And in recent weeks the region's giant, Brazil (foreign debt $92 billion) has also been suffering a wave of social unrest, with mobs looting supermarkets in major cities in reaction to similar austerity measures imposed under pressure from the IMF.

As Argentina's Alfonsin succinctly puts it: "We cannot pay back our debts on the hunger of people." This is the catch-22 for the debtors.

Even so, the summit's host, Senor Betancur (who heads the one country to have so far escaped serious debt problems) insists that the meeting will not be characterized by rebellion against the world's financial markets nor the founding of a "debtors' club".

On one point both London and Cartagena are likely to agree – that the crisis will be solved only on a case-by-case basis. As Brazil's foreign minister Senor Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro, says: "This meeting is an alert – not a threat".

But the situation has not been eased by the decisions this month of three of the smaller debtor countries – Bolivia, ecuador and the Dominican Republic – To suspend unilaterally some foreign debt repayments.

Meanwhile, defying the US government and the IMF, North American private banks have come to the rescue of Argentina, approving a credit bridge which will help Buenos Aires to pay $500m in interest due at the end of the month.

Argentina's foreign minister, Senor Dante Caputo, in an interview on Colombian radio before that rescue act, declared that the Cartagena summit must "seek political solutions to the payment of foreign debt because in current circumstances it simply is not possible to pay it – the financial resources just don't exist."

At the end of the Second World War, he pointed out, the US "realised that to preserve the strategic security of the North Atlantic not only a military plan was required but also the strengthening of development and democracy in western Europe through a vast programme of financial aid. In our continent conditions for stability also depend on development and democracy but instead of receiving resources we are being crippled by a Marshall plan in reverse".

Señor Caputo estimates that rises in interest rates this year will represent for Argentina the equivalent of all its meat exports and for Mexico, another major debtor, its entire income from tourism.

There is a mounting consensus in the region that Latin America needs a grace period of five or six years without paying extra debt service or principal. Most leaders are understandably reluctant to drive their countries further into recession to pay off banks in Europe, the US and Japan. It seems certain that the Cartagena meeting will call on the West to swell the IMF's coffers and relax its lending policies, or the region could be doomed to years of economic stagnation.

Nor can Latin America look north for hope. Señor Manuel Ulloa, former prime minister and finance minister of Pero, comments: "The American recovery is like an economic locomotive, but it is not pulling any carriages. Europe is not being pulled out of the recession, much less Latin America."

As debt and population increase, output falls. Even assuming a 3 per cent annual growth rate for the region over the next six years, 90 per cent of the extra available workforce will be unemployed at the end of the decade. By the end of this year the debt will be $400 billion, while high interest rates and their fluctuations make economic planning impossible.

Such stagnation would assuredly choke the flower of democracy before it had had a chance to bloom, while stirring subversion and stoking anti-US sentiment, never far below the surface anyway.



Leadership for a new era: Argentina's Raul Alfonsin (above left), Colombia's Belisario Betancur Cuartas (above), and Peru's Manuel Ulloa (left).

Economic commentary by Tim Congdon has been held over

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTIES: Half-year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £10.29m (£8.45m). Pretax profit £563,000 (£816,000). Board is looking for a fourth successive year of record profits. Interim dividend, 1.82p (1.68p).

CHRISTIES INTERNATIONAL: Agreement has been reached for the sale of Christies' printing subsidiary in Holland, Drukkerij Onkenhout, for about .9m.

MERCANTILE-JESSEL: Mercantile House's offers for Jessel, Toynbee & Gillett accepted for 29 per cent of the ordinary and 80 per cent of the preference shares. Offers extended until July 2.

MARATHON OIL UK: Marathon reports a $650m (£472m) financing arrangement for the development of the North Brae field in the British sector of the North Sea.

WATSON & PHILIP: Half-year to April 27, 1984. Turnover £44.53m (£38.21m). Pretax profit £353,000 (£300,000). Interim dividend 1.5p (1.33p). Given no change in outlook, there are good prospects for an increase in the final dividend, the board reports.

ROWLINSON SECURITIES: Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £.57m (£9.95m). Pretax profit £63,000 (£720,000). Total dividend .5p (same).

COUNTRY AND NEW TOWN PROPERTIES: Year to March 31, 1984. Gross rental and service income £10.81m (£5m). Pretax profit £2.85m (£2.16m). Total dividend 1.25p (1p). Board confident that profit and dividend will continue to increase in current year.

CAKEBREAD ROBEY has bought Dixon Scott, builders' merchants and ironmongers, for £335,000. Terms have also been agreed for the purchase of D. and T. Holmes and Sons, a heating and plumbing merchant. In addition, Cakebread will buy two properties. Price: £450,000. Talks are on for the takeover of Keith Building Services. Price: £50,000.

● YORK MOUNT GROUP: Mr Harry Turpin, chairman, reports in his annual review that the outlook is far more encouraging than a year ago, with the group on course for a much better year.

● GEORGE WIMPEY: At the annual meeting, Mr C. J. Chetwood, chairman, reported the board's resolve to improve the company's profitability, though he warned this will take time.

● BRITISH THOROUGHBRED RACING AND BREEDING: The subscription list opens tomorrow and, subject of the minimum subscription of 2,275 shares by July 26, will not be closed before Aug 10, but may be closed at any time afterwards, up to Aug 31. British Thoroughbred is offering up to 19,515 ordinary £200 shares at £220 each, payable in full on application.

● PARGESA HOLDINGS and Groupe Bruxells Lambert have been allotted 9.12 million of the 9.2 million new ordinary shares issued under the rights issue. In addition, Pargesa and GBL will also purchase, at 100p per share, a further 1.83 million ordinaries. As a result they will have an investment of 29.77 per cent in the ordinary capital of Ansbacher. The shortfall in shares to enable Pargesa and GBL to obtain 29.99 per cent of the ordinary of Ansbacher is less than 250,000 shares. Accordingly, no tender offer will be made.

● FLOYD OIL PARTICIPATIONS: Concerning the proposed sale of Floyd Oil's interest in Western Australia EP 114, Gulf Oil Australia (operator) reports that it will be testing a well Hedonia No 1. in the area covered by the above permit in which Floyd has a 1.75 per cent working interest. Floyd has agreed to sell its interest in this permit.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

† Mortgage Base Rate

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 6%, £10,000 up to £50,000 6¾%, £50,000 and over 7¼%

WALL STREET

Wall Street prices opened higher in active trading. The Dow Jones average was up 3.10 to 1,112.74 shortly after the market opened.

Some analysts think Friday's close of 1,086.90, which put it at the lowest level since February 22, 1983, might be the bottom for the year.

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APPOINTMENTS

Lloyds Bank: Mr Fred Crawley joins the group board from August 1 when he succeeds Mr John Davis as chief general manager of the clearing bank. Mr Terry Cullum joins the board of Lloyds Bank UK Management from the same day, when he becomes an assistant chief general manager of the clearing bank.

Thornton Baker: Mr Michael Lickiss becomes national managing partner on January 1 in succession to Mr Arthur Green, who becomes managing director of Grant Thornton International.

Hambros Bank: Mr Alan Devereux, chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board, is to be the bank's Scottish adviser.

International Thomson Organisation: Mr Bill Heeps, managing director and editor-in-chief of Thomson Regional Newspapers, has joined the board and become chairman and chief executive of TRN in succession to Mr James Evans, who has been appointed managing director and chief executive of International Thomson Organisation from January 1.

Thomson Withy Grove: Mr George Dunn, managing director and chief executive, will also be chairman, in succession to Mr James Evans.

ATHLETICS

Final hurdle on Olympic path cleared by Moses

Los Angeles (Reuter) – Edwin Moses easily won the 400-metre hurdles in 47.76 sec at the U.S. Olympic trials here yesterday. Moses, 28, got off to a slow start but took the lead by the second hurlde and was never threatened as he recorded his 102nd successive victory in he event.

Danny Harris aged 18, who set a world junior record of 48.02 sec in a semi-final race the preivous day, finished behind the world record holder with a home of 48.11 sec, and Tranel Hawkins was third, covering the distance in 48.28 sec. The top three in each of the events being held here this week automatically qualify for the U.S. Olympic team.

A surprise non-qualifier was Andre Phillips, the third fastest performer in the event in history, who finished fourth with a time of 48.62 sec.

Another American world record holder, Evely Ashford, also qualified for the Olympics by winning the 100-metres in 11.18sec with Alice Brown finishing second in 11.20sec Jeanette Bolden was third with a time of 11.24sec.

Ducan Atwood surprised Tom Petranoff, the world record holder, in the javelin event, with a winning throw of 306ft 7in (93.44 metres) Petranoff, who holds the record at 327ft 2in (99.72 metres) was only able to throw of 278ft 8in (84. 94 metres) to finish second. The third qualifier was Steve Roller, with 272ft 4in (83 metres).

In preliminary events, Carl Lewis, who won the 100-metres on Sunday, was the top qualifier for today's Long Jump final with a leap of 27ft 6in (8.39 metres). Greg Foster ran the fastest 110-metre hurdles in the world this year in a first-round heat, covering the distance in 13.19sec. The finals in his event are scheduled for today.

Qualifiers for Olympic team:

MEN: Javelin: 1, Atwood, 306ft, 7in (93.44m); 2, T Petranoff, 278ft 8in (84.94m); 3, S Roller, 272ft 4in (83.00m).

400-METRE HURDLES: 1, E Moses, 47.76 sec; 2, D Harris, 48.11; 3, T Hawkins 48.28.

WOMEN: 1, E Ashford, 11.18 sec; 2, A Brown, 11.20; 3, J Bolden 11.24.

Clarke decides to play safe

David Clarke, the 26-year-old, former English cross-country champion, has withdrawn from this weekend's Amateur Athletic Association championships because of injury. Clarke, of Hercules Wimbledon AC, missed the Olympic trials because of Tendonitis, and although he is now training again, covering about 40 miles a week, he has decided not to turn out in either the 5,000 metres or 10,000 metres at Crystal Palace.

He said: "Unless I were to win the 10,000 metres I would not make the Olympic team, and I'm just not fit enough to do that at present. It would be foolish to run and rush back in those circumstances after all my troubles."

IN BRIEF

Burkinshaw: £250,000

Burkinshaw decides on Bahrain

Keith Burkinshaw, the former Tottenham Hotspur manager, has agreed to take control of Bahrain's national team. He is to sign a two-year contract worth a reported £250,000 tax free, and his target will be qualification for the 1986 World Cup.

Burkinshaw, manager of Tottenham for eight years, left on a high note after leading them to success in the UEFA Cup last month. He was contacted by several first division clubs, but has opted for the challenge and financial security offered by the oil-rich Gulf state.

GAMES DATES: The post-Olympic competion for nations boycotting the Los Angeles games is understood to comprise men's and women's swimming, hockey, track cycling, basketball, rowing and shooting in the Soviet Union from August 17 to 30 and women's athletics in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The rest of the events are believed to be taking place in other east European socialist nations in late August. Yachting events will be held on the Baltic Sea off Tallinn, the capital of Soviet Estonia.

BADMINTON: England are sending 16 players to compete in the Thailand Open, from July 4 to 8, with Nora Perry and Jane Webster joining the squad for the Malaysian Open, from July 11 to 15, and the Indonesian Open, from July 18 to 22.

SQUAD: Men: S Baddeley, N Yates, M Dew, D Hall, G Milton, N Tier, S Butler, C Dobson, D Talbot. Women: H Troke, K Beckman, S Podger, G Clark, K Chapman, G Gowers, G Gilks, J Webster and N Perry.

CYCLING: Darryl and Martin Webster, brothers riding for Manchester Wheelers, won the Isle of Man international team time trial over 50 kilometres yesterday. Their time of 1hr 9min 39sec put them two-and-a-half minutes ahead of France A, comprising Laurent pillion and Jean-luc Braillon.

SWIMMING: Mike West, of Canada, beat his own Canadian and Commonwealth record of 2min 1.63sec during the final of the men's 200-metre backstroke at the Olympic time trials in Toronto yesterday, winning in 2.01.20.

RUGBY UNION: A second-string French to the All Blacks last Saturday, easily beat the New Zealand provincial side, Hawke's Bay, 40-18 yesterday. Didier Cordonibu, the French centre sustained a leg injury in the game, but is expected to be fit for Saturday's second international, in Auckland.

FOOTBALL: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Rummenigge (left) and Karl-Heinz Förster recovered from injuries to face Spain

Champions seek inspiration

Paris (Reuters) – West Germany, upstaged so far by France take on Spain here today for a place in the European Championship semi-final. The reigning champions only need a draw to guarantee themselves a place in the last four, but an emphatic win would lift their spirits after two nervous encounters with Portugal and Romania.

Spain also have the incentive of a semi-final place, although they were lucky to emerge from uninspired clashes against Romania and Portugal with two 1–1 draws.

West Germany, after a goalless draw with Portugal and a tense 2–1 victory over Romania, should emerge top of group two. Their manager, Jupp Derwall, is not prepared to settle for a draw. "If we want to make it we have got to beat everyone, starting with Spain", he said.

Derwall, pleased with the introduction of Matthaus and Meier in midfield, will stick with the same side which beat Romania in Lens on Sunday.

Karl-Heinz Forster, the central defender, who went off near the end in Lens with a pulled thigh muscle, and former European Footballer of the Year, Rummenigge, troubled by strained ankle ligaments, are certain to play.

WEST GERMANY: H Schumacher (Cologne); B Förster (Stuttgart), U Stielike (Real Madrid), K-H Förster (Stuttgart), H-P Briegel (Kaiserslautern), L Matthäus (Borussia Mönchengladbach), N Meier (Bremen), A Brehme (Kaiserslautern), K-H Rummenigge (Bayern/Inter), R Völler (Bremen), K Allofs (Cologne).

SPAIN: L Arconada (Real Sociedad); S Urquiaga (Atletic Bilbao), A Maceda (Gijon), A Goicoechea (Atletic Bilbao), J Camacho (Atletico Madrid), V Munoz (Barcelona), J Alberto (Barcelona), R Gallego (Real Madrid), R Gordillo (Betis Seville), C Santillana (Real Madrid), F Carrasco (Barcelona).

Referee: V Christov (CZ)

A joke that is no longer funny

Bayer gives the top sides a headache

Leverkusen, (Reuter) – A firm best known for making asprins is transforming a footbal club once regarded as a national joke into a side which may soon be giving the best teams in Europe a headache.

In 1982 the Bayer chemical concern, one of the world's biggest companies, launched a plan to make Bayer Leverkusen, founded in 1904 as its works team, one of the best sides in the land.

The task was no small one. With the lowest crowds in the first division, a tiny, outmoded stadium and an annual fight to avoid relegatin, the club had no past worth speaking of. Yet two years later Bayer Leverkusen are within an ace of a UEFA Cup place next season and are competing with, and even beating, rich clubs for the signature of star players.

Bayern Munich manager, Uli Hoeness, commented ruefully after the Nurenburg centre-back Alois Reinhardt recently choose to join Leverkusen rather than his club: "Against a 30-billion-mark concern I have no chance."

Bayer started the task of building a new team by signing the teenage striker, Herbert Waas from Munich 1980 two years ago, again from under Bayern's nose. When rumours circulated recently that Italian clubs wanted Waas, the player said Bayer "wouldn't let me go even for eight million marks. They don't need the money."

Last summer Leverkusen won a race to sign the South Korean Cha Bum from Eintracht Frankfurt to team up with Waas and form one of the league's most feared striking partnerships. Several other stars have also arrived in the past two years and with more purchases planned, other teams have accused the club of receiving unfair help through Bayer's sponsorship.

While acknowledging that Leverkusen's power in the transfer market is unusual for a team with average gates of just 11,000, the Bayer trainer, Dettmar Cramer, puts the complaints down to envy. "Clubs have to do the best with the opportunities they have" he says. (Schalke have tradition, Bayern the Olympic Stadium, Nuremberg a huge catchment area – they are all a form of sponsorship).

Bayer are reluctant to say how much they spend on the club. A press spokesman, Willi Gierlich, said the firm puts one per cent of turnover into a pool from which the company's 72 sporting and cultural associations all draw. The soccer team's rivals for the pay out include a symphony orchestra and a stamp-collecting club while sporting prestige used to be left to the company's athletics squad for which 1972 Olympic women's high jump champion, Ulrike Meyfarth, competes.

The firm even boasts another successful first division football club. The works team founded at its Krefeld plant, Bayer Uerdingen, were promoted last summer and opened the season in sensational style right up with the leaders. The success could have been embarrassing to the firm, who had put most of their resources into the Leverkusen club, but Uerdingen have since dropped back to midtable.

Though they have not been slow to buy players the most important investment Bayer made was in 1982 when they took on Cramer as Leverkusen's trainer. The 59-year-old helped Bayern Munich to the European Cup title twice in the 1970's and has coached for FIFA, world football's governing body, in more than 70 countries.

Cramer, who plans to retire after making Leverkusen a top West German club, says he is grateful to the firm for allowing him to work without pressure for success

Latin flair is Greek to Romania

Nantes (Reuter) – Portugal and Romaina, among the less fancied sides at the start of the finals, have a chance of European glory when they meet in the last round of group two qualifying games here tonight. At stake is a place in the semi-finals next weekend against France or either Denmark or Belgium. But both sides need to win here to be sure of qualifying.

So winner-takes-all clash is in prospect between Portual's latin flair and the more studied East European approach.

The Portuguese manager, Fernando Cabrita, is confident that his team can progress after darwing 0-0 with the champions, West Germany, and 1-1 with Spain. "We have achieved more than we had hoped," Cabrita said. "Now we are going all out for a place in the semi-finals – and in the final. Personally, I've always believed we could do it."

The Romanian manager, Mircea Lucescu, criticized his side for being too cautious in their 1-1 draw with Spain and said their 2-1 defeat by the Germans was due largely to inexperience.

Lucescu will urge his players, who have studied a video film of the Protuguese, to attack from the start and take risks if necessary. The right back, Mircea Rednic, confirmed this would be their approach. "We have a real chance of qualifying", he said. "This time we'll be going flat out to win".

Both teams trained in t new Stade de la Beaujoire yesterday. Neither manager has any serious injury problems but are withholding team announcements until today. Portugal are expected to be unchanged, with the emerging stars, Antonio Sousa and Fernando Chalana, playing dual roles of midfield defenders and strikers.

PORTUGAL (probable): M Bento (Benfica); J Pinto (Porto), Pereira (Porto), E Gomes (Porto), A Magalhaes (Benfica), A Frasco (Porto), C Manuel (Benfica), J Pacheco (Porto), A Sousa (Porto), F Chalana (Benfica), R Jordao (Sporting Lisbon).

ROMANIA (probable): S Lung (Universitatea Craiova); M Rednic (Dynamo Bucharest), C Stefanescu (Universitatea Craiova), G Iorgulescu (Sportul Studentesc), N Ungureanu (Universitatea Craiova), M Dragnea (Dynamo Bucharest), L Boloni (Tirgu Mures), M Klein (Corvinul Hunedoara), M Coras (Sportul Studentesc), R Camataru (Universitatea Craiova), R Gabor (Corvinul Hunedoara).

● Milan (AP) – Junior, the Brazilian defender, flew to Italy yesterday to sign for Torino. He reached a general agreement with Torino earlier this month

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas Rangers 5, California Angels 2; New York Yankees 2, Detroit Tigers 1; Oakland Athletics 10, Kansas City Royals 2; Chicago White Sox 8, Seattle Mariners 4.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Hawkes Bay (New Zealand) 18, France 40.

BOXING

TOKYO: Flyweight (10 rounds) WBC: Koji Kobayashi (Jap) bt Allan Makitoki (Phil) pts.

SWIMMING

TORONTO: Olympic time trials: Men's 200m backstroke final: M West (Can), 2min 01.20sec (Commonwealth record).

CYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: International 50km team time trial: 1, France A (L Pillon, J Braillon), 1hr 12min 14sec; 2, Belgium A (D Goossens, P Herijgers), 1:12.18; 3, France B (Y Bonnemour, F Garnier), 1:13.10. Club teams: 1, Manchester Wheelers A (M Webster, D Webster, D Webster), 1hr 9min 39sec; 2, Manchester Wheelers B (D Davis, P McArdle), 1:12.17; 3, Tunstall Crewe (R Chadwick, D Hinde), 1:13.19.

LUGANO: Tour of Switzerland: Fifth stage (174.5km): 1, M Sergeant (Bel) 4:42.45; 2, S Kelly (Ire) at 32sec; 3, P Gavazzi (It) same time. Overall: 1, B Breu, 19.17.68; 2, U Zimmermann, same; 3, S Kelly, 1:09 sec behind.

GRUISSAN: Tour de l'Aude: Time trial (2.4km): 1, J Vandenbroucke (Bel) 2:54.9; 2, L Fignon (Fra) 2:55.7; 3, A Bondue (Fra) 2:57.8; 4, J Raas (Neth) 2:58.0; 5, K Andersen (Denmark) 2:58.4; 9, S Roche (Ireland) 2:59.2. British: 69, J Herety 3:09.5; 75, G Jones 3:11.3; 80, R Millar 3:12.6.

STOCKHOLM: Tour of Sweden: Vimmerby to Huskvarna, 187km: 1, M Polini (It) 4hrs 14min 27sec; 2, K Nilsson (Swe) 5sec behind; 3, A Segersall (Swe) 12sec behind. Overall: 1, Segersall 24:25.13; 2, A Peiper (Aust) 1sec behind; 3, S Lilholt (Den) 33sec behind; 4, S Yates (Ire) 47sec behind; 5, C Wreghitt (GB) 55sec behind.

POLO

WINDSOR: Royal Windsor Cup, 1st round: Laurent Perrier 11, *Daumsey Squirrels* 4½; Stilenans 9, *Downy Fields* 6½.

CRICKET

UNDER-25 COMPETITION: Enfield: Essex 152 for 8 (40 overs); Middlesex 153 for 3 (33.1 overs; R G P Ellis 52). Middlesex won by 7 wickets. Bournemouth: Kent 237 for 7 (40 overs); Hampshire 240 for 3 (39 overs). Hampshire won by 7 wickets.

SCHOOL MATCH: King's Bruton 183 for 8 dec; Milton Abbey 154.

TENNIS

MEN'S GRAND PRIX POSITIONS: 1, I Lendl (Cz), 1,442pts; 2, J McEnroe (US), 1,380; 3, J Connors (US), 1,298; 4, M Wilander (Swe), 844. 5, H Sundstrom (Swe), 840; 6, A Gomez (Ec), 780; 7, Y Noah (Fr), 739; 8, T Smid (Cz), 607; 9, J Arias (US), 582; 10, S Edberg (Swe), 481.

FOOTBALL

NORWEGIAN LEAGUE: Lillestrøm 5, Molde 1; Moss 1, Viking 1; Start 1, Rosenborg 1; Bryne 1, Fredrikstad 0; Strindheim 3, Elk 1; Vaalerengen 2, Kongsvinger 2.

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Zilina 1, Sparta Prague 3; Dukla Prague 3, Spartak Trnava 1; Banik Ostrava 2, Inter Bratislava 0; Lokomotiva Kosice 3, RH Cheb 1; Tatran Presov 0, Sklounion Teplice 0; Slovan Bratislava 3, TJ Vitkovice 3; Slavia Prague 1, Dukla B Bystrica 0; Plastika Nitra 0, Bohemians Prague 1. Sparta Prague win championship.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

European Championship finals

Group two

West Germany v Spain (Paris, 7.30)

Portugal v Romania (Nantes, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: West of England Championship (at Bristol LT and SC); Eastbourne women's tournament.

GOLF: Women's tournament (at Ascot Hall).

CROQUET: Men's and Women's Championships (at Cheltenham).

MONDAY'S EVENING RACING

Windsor

6.45 (5f) 1, *Fremont Boy* (R Fox, 13-2); 2, *Prince Racine* (11-10 fav); 3, *Fort Duchesse* (12-1). 1l, ¾l. 11 ran. NR: Gladius. C James. TOTE: £6.10; £2.10, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £4.00. CSF: £14.86.

7.10 (6f) 1, *Tricanea* (W Carson, 6-5 fav); 2, *Can U Afford It* (5-1); 3, *French Emperor* (9-2). 3l, ¾l. 8 ran. J Sutcliffe. TOTE: £2.60; £1.50, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £6.00. CSF: £7.18.

7.35 1, *Socada Lad* (B Rouse, 5-1); 2, *Sandyla* (12-1); 3, *Carnet de Dartse* (4-1 jt-fav). *Sovereign Honey* 4-1 jt-fav. 1l, 7l. 13 ran. NR: Ewell Place. C Benstead. TOTE: £5.00; £1.40, £5.30, £1.50. DF: £252.90. CSF: £64.04. Tricast: £245.44. Neardown Boy withdrawn not under orders. Deduction 10p in £.

8.05: 1, *Aroma* (M. Miller, 12-1); 2, *Birdwood* (7-1); 3, *Miss Lula Beach* (11-2). Nashwah 7-2 fav. ½l, 1l. 12 ran. G. Huffer. TOTE: 9.80; £1.70, £2.20, £2.30. DF: £258.50. CSF: £94.70. Tricast: £464.88.

8.35: 1, *Glen Kella Manx* (R. Cochrane, 5-1); 2, *Free Range* (10-1); 3, *Bucks Fizz Music* (9-1); 4, *Sisax* (25-1). Al Amead 4-1 fav. 3l, 20 ran. J Fox. Tote: £6.40, £2.00, £2.90, £1.40, £4.90. DF: £68.60. CSF: £55.61. Tricast: £411.07.

9.05: 1 *Young Nicholas* (J Mercer, 5-4 fav); 2, *Our Man* (20-1); 3 *Yankee Bond* (25-1). 4l, 2l, 21 ran. P Walwyn. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £9.30, £5.60. DF: £160.50. CSF: £31.61.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Key players left out against Toowoomba

Brisbane (Reuter) – Great Britain's selectors put their second Test team under wraps yesterday, naming a shadow side for today's game here against Toowoomba. The British side is a far cry from the one expected to line-up against Australia next Tuesday. With one or two exceptions, the selectors are believed to have already settled on the Test side.

The forward, Hobbs, returns for the Toowoomba game after serving a three-match suspension for being sent off in Britain's 25-8 defeat in the first Test. Hobbs is likely to take over the goalkicking duties in the absence of the full back, Lydon, who is still recovering from a back injury.

One of the surprises is the choice of Donlan at full back. He has not played in an international, and was an unexpected late inclusion in the touring party. The half back, Holding, sidelined with a knee injury since the first Test, took part in yesterday's training, although his knee was still heavily strapped.

Toowoomba have lost the half, Lindenberg, and the prop, Kajewski, through injury, but the formidable attacking full back, Gill, proved his fitness today after being doubtful with a shoulder injury.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Donlan; G Clark, M Smith, D Foy, J Basnett; J Joyner, A Gregory; H Pinner, W Proctor, D Hobbs, B Case, K Beardmore, M O'Neill.

● SYDNEY Australia have made two changes in the team named yesterday to play Great Britain next Tuesday (Reuter reports). The winger, Cowlon, is omitted and the centre, Brett, will be on the reserve bench. Meninga and Grothe are the replacements.

Australia lead 1-0 in the three-match series.

AUSTRALIA: G Jack; K Boustead, G Miles, M Meninga, E Grothe; W Lewis (Captain), M Murray; R Price, W Peace, B Niebling, G Dowling, G Conescu, D Brown. Reserves: B Kenny, P Vautin.

TENNIS

McEnroe's title chase turns into Wimbledon ghost-hunt

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The draw for the Wimbledon championships, which begin next Monday, revives worrying memories for John McEnroe, twice champion and twice runner-up. McEnroe has been beaten in all three grand slam championships since last year's Wimbledon: by Bill Scanlon in the United States, Mats Wilander in Australia and Ivan Lendl in France. The Wimbledon draw confronts McEnroe with Scanlon in the last 16, Wilander in a semi-final and Lendl in the final.

McEnroe is good enough to lay all three ghosts, assuming they turn up on schedule. Lendl's first opponent will be Dick Stockton, aged 33, who reached the semi-finals 10 years ago. Stockton later had a lot of back trouble and he no longer competes much in singles. But he may have one good match left in him.

The first round also brings together Kevin Curren and Steve Denton, who have been doubles partners and close friends since they met in 1976 at Texas University. The second round, more appetizing than the first, promises such names as Wilander v Pat Cash (eager to avenge a defeat in the Davis Cup final), Henrik Sundstrom v Mark Edmondson, Yannick Noah v Mark Dickson, Johan Kriek v Stefan Edburg, Tim Mayotte v Brian Gottfried and Anders Jarryd v Joakim Nystrom (both Swedes).

In the first round of the women's singles Pam Shriver must play Eva Pfaff, who beat Zina Garrison and Joanna Durie to reach the last 16 a year ago. The seeded Bulgarian teenager, Manuela Maleeva, must oppose Jennifer Mundel, whose victims at the 1983 Wimbledon included two seeds, Sylvia Hanika and Hana Mandlikova. The second round could provide such entertaining matches as Kathy Jordan v Virginia Ruzici, Kathleen Horvath v Bettina Bunge and Miss Garrison v Virginia Wade.

Four British players have been granted a chance of instant glory against seeded opponents: Jonathan Smith v Noah, Joanne Louis v Lisa Bonder, Shelley Walpole v Wendy Turnbull and Rina Einy v Miss Garrison. A similar opportunity had been offered to Jeremy Bates and Jeremy Dier in the doubles: they have drawn John Alexander and John Fitzgerald.

In the women's doubles the third seed, Miss Horvath, and Ruzici have drawn Svetlana Cherneva and Larisa Savchenko, of the Soviet Union, who unexpectedly reached last year's quarter finals.

The best draw, though, is that for the mixed doubles. It gives us a chance to relive our yesterdays, when players seemed to have more fun than they have now. The top seeds, Miss Turnbull and John Lloyd, play Andrea Leand and John Newcombe – yes, the same John Newcombe.

Tucked away in the draw are Frew MacMillan and Betty Stove (twice winners), Billie Jean King, Ilie Nastase, Owen Davidson, Bob Lutz, Marty Riessen, Ray Moore, Jaime Fillol and Dennis Ralston. Let us hope that some of these old chums will be allowed, once again, to adorn the shop window of the centre court.

WIMBLEDON DRAW

Men's singles

Holder: J P McEnroe (US)

J P McENROE (US) v P McNamee (Aus); E Sanchez (Sp) v R Harmon (US); W Fibak (Pol) v J Hlasek (Switz); S Youl (Aus) v W Masur (Aus); B Willenborg (US) v Qualifier; Qualifier v N Odizor (Nigeria); M Freeman (US) v J Frawley (Aus); E Korita (US) v W SCANLON (US).

V GERULAITIS (US) v A Giammalva (US); B Taroczy (Hun) v R A Lewis (GB); Qualifier v C Hooper (US); P Fleming (US) v B Gilbert (US); J Gunnarsson (Swe) v J Sadri (US); P Arraya (Peru) v M Leach (US); R Acuna (Chile) v J Soares (Br); Qualifier v J L CLERC (Arg).

M WILANDER (Swe) v Qualifier; P Cash (Aus) v R Seguso (US); J B Fitzgerald (Aus) v D Pate (US); M J Bates (GB) v C Motta (Br); S Colombo (It) v R Krishnan (India); R Stadler (Switz) v C J Lewis (NZ); B Testerman (US) v C S Dowdeswell (GB); S Denton (US) v K CURREN (SA).

H SUNDSTROM (Swe) v B J E Boileau (Bel); M R Edmondson (Aus) v M Purcell (US); Qualifier v R Van't Hof (US); V Van Patten (US) v T Moor (US); B Teacher (US) v G Michibata (Can); H P Guenthardt (Switz) v Qualifier; S M Shaw (GB) v Ca Panatta (It); M Mitchell (US) v A GOMEZ (Ecuador).

Y NOAH (Fr) v J R Smith (GB); Qualifier v M Dickson (US); Qualifier v M Ostoja (Yug); M N Doyle (Ire) v A A Mayer (US); R Schwaier (WG) v V Amritraj (India); S Meister (US) v H D Beutel (WG) v B D Drewett (Aus) v S Edberg (Swe); M Westphal (WG) v J C KRIEK (SA).

T S MAYOTTE (US) v M Hocevar (Br); F Gonzalez (Paraguay) v B E Gottfried (US); Qualifier v T E Gullikson (US); Qualifier v L Shiras (US); M Davis (US) v Qualifier; Qualifier v Qualifier; S Simonsson (Swe) v S Glickstein (Isr); L R Bourne (US) v J S CONNORS (US).

J ARIAS (US) v B M Mitton (SA); V Winitsky (US) v G Ocleppo (It); Qualifier v M Mecir (Cz); J Gurfein (US) v D T Visser (SA); S M Bale (GB) v J G Alexander (Aus); H Pfister (US) v T R Gullikson (US); Qualifier v N A Fulwood (GB); L Stefanki (US) v T SMID (Cz).

A JARRYD (Swe) v S E Davis (US); J Nystrom (Swe) v T Wilkison (US); G Holmes (US) v J W Feaver (GB); J M Lloyd (GB) v A Maurer (WG); R Gehring (WG) v P Slozil (Cz); G Mayer (US) v Z Kuharszky (Hun); D Tarr (SA) v C Roger-Vasselin (Fr); R L Stockton (US) v I LENDL (Cz).

Women's singles

Holder: M Navratilova (US)

M NAVRATILOVA (US) v M Louie (US); S J Mair (GB) v A E Holton (US); T Scheuer-Larsen (Den) v A A Moulton (US); M A Mesker (Neth) v I Budarova (Cz); G A Rush (US) v B Herr (US); R M White (US) v E M Sayers (Aus); B Gerken (US) v C Vanier (Fr); J Louis (GB) v L BONDER (US).

C BASSETT (Can) v S A Walsh (US); N Herreman (Fr) v M C Calleja (Fr); M L Piatek (US) v S Hanika (WG); A E Hobbs (GB) v Qualifier; J L Klitch (US) v S L Collins (US); Y Vermaak (SA) v P G Smith (US); N Reva (USSR) v P Paradis (Fr); J A Mundel (SA) v M MALEEVA (Bul).

P H SHRIVER (US) v E S Pfaff (WG); G Fernandez (Puerto Rico) v L Drescher (Switz); W E White (US) v M Jausovec (Yug); A C Leand (US) v C Benjamin (US); M L Brown (US) v R [illegible]

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Mixed doubles

Holders: J M Lloyd and Miss W Turnbull

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Men's doubles

Holders: P. Fleming and J. P. McEnroe (US)

P FLEMING and J P McENROE v Qualifiers; D Gitlin and C Hooper v J Fillol and F Gonzalez; T C Fancutt and M Snapers v V C Amaya and H Pfister; M Purcell and V Van Patten v A GIAMMALVA and S MEISTER.

J G ALEXANDER and J B FITZGERALD v M J Bates and J M Dier; C H Cox and J Hlasek v R Hightower and J Mattke; E Edwards and D T Visser v D Graham and L Warder; B Becker and W Fibak v P SLOZIL and T SMID.

K CURREN and S DENTON v G Donnelly and C J Wittus; M Davis and C M Dunk v J Nystrom and M Wilander; S M Bale and R A Lewis v E Korita and P Rennert; M Kratzmann and S Youl v S EDBERG and A JARRYD.

C S DOWDESWELL and V WINITSKY v T Delatte and J C Kriek; B E Gottfried and M Leach v L Stefanki and R Van't Hof; D Dowlen and N Odizor v J M Lloyd and R L Stockton; Qualifiers v A A MAYER and F TAYGAN.

C KIRMAYR and C MOTTA v E Fernandez and D Pate; Qualifiers v J W Feaver and J R Smith; D D Drewett and K Warwick v S McCain and B Willenborg; A Amritraj and V Amritraj v B DYKE and W MASUR.

B M MITTON and B WALTS v C J LEWIS and T WILKISON; Qualifiers v A Hocevar and M Hocevar; M C Strode and J Turpin v S E Davis and B Teacher; P Arraya and A Gomez v T E GULLIKSON and T R GULLIKSON.

P CASH and P McNAMEE v A Andrews and J Sadri; S Simonsson and H Sundstrom v J Canter and D Tarr; C A Miller and M Mitchell v M Guenthardt and Z Kuharszky.

J Gunnarsson and M Mortensen v K FLACH and R SEGUSO; H P GUENTHARDT and B TAROCZY v C Panatta and N Saviano; C Bradnam and S M Shaw v S Colombo and G Ocleppo; L R Bourne and M Dickson v G Barbosa and J Soares; Qualifiers v M R EDMONDSON and S E STEWART.

Women's doubles

Holders: M Navratilova and P Shriver (US)

M NAVRATILOVA and P SHRIVER v P Casale and L Romanov; T Phelps and M Y Torres v M Louie and H A Ludloff; I S Kloss and B E Stove v L Bonder and S E Mascarin; K T Copeland and J M Hetherington v Z L GARRISON and L McNEIL; M JAUSOVEC and S V WADE v J A Mundel and R Uys; Qualifiers v C J Newton and P J Whytcross; S L Acker and B Nagelsen v H A Crowe and K A Steinmetz.

G Purdy and R Reggi v C KOHDE-KILSCH and H MANDLIKOVA; E K HORVATH and V RUZICI v S Cherneva and L Savchenko; B J Remilton and N Sato v L Antonopolis and B A Mould; Qualifiers v Mrs J M Lloyd and C Tanvier; Qualifiers v B K JORDAN and E M SAYERS; C JOLISSAINT and M A MESKER v S P Foltz and N F Gregory; S L Gomer and J A Salmon v C Benjamin and F Raschiatore.

C C Monteiro and Y Vermaak v L C Gracie and E S Jones; L Drescher and E Inoue v J M DURIE and MRS D M KIYOMURA-HAYASHI; R D FAIRBANK and C S REYNOLDS v Mrs P Delhees-Jauch and K Skronska; K Y Sands and C Vanier v A L Minter and E A Minter; C Jexell and J L Klitch v A B Hendrickson and N S Yeargin; I Budarova and M Skuherska v L E ALLEN and A H WHITE.

E M BURGIN and K RINALDI v H Mansell and S A Margolin; A J Brown and A M Fernandez v G Fernandez and A A Moulton; P Barg and A E Holton v C Bassett and A Temesvari; S Goles and P Huber v B C POTTER and S A WALSH; K E JORDAN and A E SMITH v M Maleeva and H Sukova; T A Holladay and Mrs L A Shaefer v V L Nelson and R Sasak.

S Graf and S Norton v Qualifiers; P G Smith and W E White v B BUNGE and E S PFAFF; A C LEAND and M L PIATEK v N Herreman and C Suire; R L Blount and F I Wright v I Kuczynska and S J Leo; R L Einy and S K Rimes v S L Collins and P S Medrado; B Herr and P A Teeguarden v A E HOBBS and W M [illegible] Hamon and Miss B Fairbank; R Hughes and Miss J S Golder v F D McMillan and Miss B F Stove; S Meister and Miss P Berg v R L STOCKTON and MISS A E SMITH.

K CURREN and MISS A TEMESVARI v J Moore and Miss R Mentz; C Van Rensburg and Miss B A Mould v C Bradnam and Miss A J Brown; M C Strode and Miss R D Fairbank v Qualifiers; G Barbosa and Miss P S Medrado v R Harmon and Miss Z L Garrison; T E Gullikson and Miss A M Cecchini v J Fillo and Miss P Casale; L Stefanki and Miss A H White v J B Fitzgerald and Miss B Nagelsen; C H Cox and Miss W E White v R D Ralston and Miss C Benjamin; L R Bourne and Miss A A Moulton v S DENTON and MISS K JORDAN.

● Seeded players in capitals.

A despondent Miss Durie during her straight sets defeat

Durie loses to future opponent

Jo Durie, Britain's only singles seed in the Wimbledon championships, was beaten in straight sets in the women's tournament, sponsored by Carlsberg, at Eastbourne yesterday. The woman who defeated her, the 27-year-old American, Kim Shaefer, is her first-round opponent next week. The Wimbledon draw was made shortly before they went on court and neither knew it until they came off.

Miss Shaefer, a 6-4, 6-4 winner, believes the victory will stimulate her for the next meeting but Miss Durie said: "I'll be ready for her next week with a few more tricks". Miss Durie is the first to admit that life is tough at the top. Reaching the semi-finals of the French Championships in 1983, she lost in the second round this year. Ranked sixth in the world in December, she is now twelfth.

"It is hard to find the balance between winning and trying to improve", Miss Durie said. "I was fighting two people here today, my opponent and myself. I am trying too hard. I have to learn to relax a bit more."

Miss Duries' biggest problem yesterday was her opponent's skill at returning service. She did not look secure and when a 3-0 lead in the second set slipped away, a third set never seemed likely. Miss Durie was one of four British women beaten in yesterday's second round. Only Annabel Croft kept the flag flying, beating Else Burgin 6–3, 7–5 in a solid performance.

Sue Barker, Sarah Gomer and Amanda Brown were all unsuccessful but at least Miss Gomer had the pleasure of taking games off Chris Lloyd the world's No 2, before going down 6–1 6–4.

FIRST ROUND (British unless stated): G Rush (US) bt E Seera (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; L Arraya (Peru) bt L Allen (US), 6-3, 6-1.

SECOND ROUND: C Bassett (Can) bt A Moulton (US), 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; Z Garrison (US) bt R Reggi (It), 6-2, 6-3; R Uys (SA) bt M Piatek (US), 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; K Jordan (US) bt J Mundel (SA), 6-1, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt S Barker, 6-3, 6-1; M Navratilova (US) bt W White (US), 6-2, 6-3; C Jolissaint (Switz) bt C Vanier (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; B Potter (US) bt E Enula (Jap), 6-1, 6-4; A Croft bt E Burgin (US), 6-3, 7-5; C Kohde (WG) bt J Russell (US), 6-3, 6-2; P Casale (US) bt B Herr (US), 6-3, 6-3; K Shaefer (US) bt J Durie, 6-4, 6-4; C Lloyd (US) bt S Gomer, 6-1, 6-4; W Turnbull (US) bt G Rush (US), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; L Arraya (Peru) bt N Reva (USSR).

Formbook is upset by Acuna

By Peter Marson

Tom Gullikson, the No 3 seed in the West of England championships, sponsored by Ford, foundered and fell in 50 minutes at Bristol yesterday, when Ricardo Acuna, of Chile, winning 6-4, 6-1, initiated the first big upset of this pre-Wimbledon tournament.

Acuna, thus neatly picked up his threads after an absence of six months, wherein he has conquered a stomach complaint, and breaking to lead 2-0, served for the first set at 5-3. Achieving another early break in the second set, Acuna led 3-1, and 5-1 before dispatching his opponent.

On another hot, sultry day Sanchez and Testerman quickly followed Gullikson's unfortunate lead. Sanchez, the 19-year-old Spaniard, was leading 5–4 but then squandered two set points and lost 7-6. That, he found disheartening, he said, and Turpin took advangage to put pressure on Sanchez and take the second set to love.

Edwards, again facing Testerman, played excellently and displayed admirable composure as he rode out a stormy first set to win 7-6 (12-10 in the tie-break). Edwards stolidly stayed on course to take the second set 6-3. Testerman was anything but pleased and he was hurt, too, by being foot faulted three times in the second set

Edwards and Turpin, who are competing in Wimbledon's qualifying tournament at Roehampton, then hurriedly packed their bags and pointed themselves towards London and yet one more contest yesterday evening. An exhausting act to follow, to be sure.

SECOND ROUND: J Turpin (US) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 7–6, 6–0; E van Hi (US) bt D Mustard (NZ), 7–6, 6–4; E Edwards (SA) bt B Testerman (US), 7–6, 6–3; R Acuna (Chile) bt Tom Gullikson (US), 6–4, 6–1; J Kriek (US) bt T Wilkison (US), 6–1, 6–3; Tim Gullikson (US) bt M Freeman (US), 6–4, 6–4; J Alexander (Aus) bt B Gottfried (US), 6–3, 6–4; G Ocleppo (It) bt J Lapidus (US), 7–5, 6–2; M Davis (US) bt D Pate (US), 6–3, 7–6.

● The following results were received too late for inclusion in yesterday's paper:

FIRST ROUND: J Sadri (US) bt H Van Boeckel (Neth), 6–4, 6–3; M Freeman (US) bt S Colombo (It), 6–2, 7–5; L Bourne (US) bt L Corteau (Fr), 6–3, 6–1; G Michibata (Can) bt S Bale, 6–3, 6–4; L Shiras (US) bt G Barbosa (Bra), 7–6, 4–6, 7–5; D Pate (US) bt F Gonzalez (Par), 6–3, 6–4; M Edmondson (Aus) bt J Hlasek (Cz), 7–6, 7–6.

Last two Britons out

Britain's last two survivors, Elizabeth Jones and Cathy Drury, were beaten in the second round of the women's singles at the Wimbledon qualifying competition at Roehampton yesterday.

Miss Jones, from Southampton, gave a determined showing before losing 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 to the Russian, Svetlana Cherneva. But Miss Drury, who has only just recovered from a back injury, was no match for the Australian Elizabeth Minter, who beat the Lincolnshire girl 6-3, 6-1.

ROEHAMPTON: Wimbledon qualifying competition: Women's singles: second round (GB unless stated): J Byrne (Aus) bt B Heidenberger (US) 6-2, 6-1; L Cherneva (USSR) bt E Jones 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; C Karlsson (Swe) bt S Margolin (US) 7-5, 6-1; C Christian (US) bt R Sasak (Yug) 6-3, 7-6; L Savchenko (USSR) bt N Epus (Aus) 3-6, 6-0, 6-1; E Ekblom (Swe) bt M Pinterova (Cz) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; K Steinmetz (US) bt R Blount (US) 6-4, 6-4; C Copeland (US) bt H Mansell (US) 7-6, 6-2; C Reynolds (US) bt E Krapl (Switz) 6-3, 6-2; S Rimes (US) bt A Betzner (Nigeria) 6-2, 6-3; S Foltz (US) bt J Hetherington (US) 6-1, 6-0; K Kinney (US) bt M Colville (US) 6-3, 6-3; E Eliseenko (USSR) bt B Perry (NZ) 6-0, 6-1; E Minter (Aus) bt C Drury 6-3, 6-1; H Pelletier (Can) bt L Bernstein (US) 6-3, 6-4; H Crow (US) bt B Remilton (Aus) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

MEN'S SINGLES FIRST ROUND: S Perkiss (Isr) bt M Fancutt (Aus), 7–6, 7–5; M Mascarenhas (SA) bt E Oncins (Bra), 7–5, 6–3; G Forget (Fra) bt A Prpker, 6–2, 6–2; S Sakamoto (Jap) bt B Strode (US), 6–0, 6–3; C Kirmayr (Bra) bt P Cane (It), 6–7, 6–4, 7–5; R Bathman (Swe) bt R Barlow (Aus), 7–6, 6–3; S Kruger (SA) bt M Blincow, 6–3, 2–6, 6–3; M Depalmer (US) bt F Puncec (SA), 6–4, 6–3; D Joubert (SA) bt S Nichto (Jap), 6–7, 6–4, 7–5; C Cox (US) bt P Moraing (WG), 6–3, 6–4; B Dyke (Aus) bt D Schneider (Isr), 6–1, 6–4; D Johnston (SA) bt C Fancutt (Aus), 6–4, 4–6, 6–2; B Walts (US) bt H Schrato (Jap), 6–4, 1–5, 6–3; G Pozzi (It) bt R Grant (Aus), 6–7, 7–5; R Cruz (US) bt J Mansell (US), 6–7, 6–4, 14–12; M Kratzman (Aus) bt E Jelen (WG), 6–3, 6–4; R Noon (US) bt E Hood (GB), 6–1, 6–2; J van Rensburg (SA) bt R Mayer (US), 3–6, 7–6, 9–7; J Goodall bt J Dier, 4–6, 6–2, 6–3; G Donnelly (US) bt P Johnston (Aus), 7–6, 7–6.

Second round: B Hanson (US) bt M Groetsch (US), 6–3, 6–1; P Rennert (US) bt J Becka (WG), 6–3, 6–4; R Schapers (Neth) bt T Delatte (US), 6–2, 6–3; C Wittus (US) bt D Saltmarsh (SA), 7–5, 6–1; C Mezzadri (Switz) bt M Collins, 6–4, 7–6; S Stewart (US) bt D Maasdorp (SA), 4–6, 6–2, 6–1; S Menon (Ind) bt M Lewis (NZ), 6–4, 6–3; R Simpson (NZ) bt B Custer (Aus), 6–3, 6–2; T Cain (US) bt R Whichello, 6–1, 6–2; K Warwick (Aus) bt F Errard (Fr), 7–5, 5–3; C Dunk (US) bt A Andrew (US), 7–6, 6–1; C Miller (Aus) bt M Baroch (Aus), 6–3, 6–2; P Annacone (US) bt A Amritraj (Ind), 6–2, 6–3; W Hampson (Aus) bt D Doohan (Aus), 4–6, 6–4, 7–5; H Flach (US) bt D Rostagno (Arg), 7–6, 6–2; D Dowlen (US) bt H Johnston (SA), 7–6, 7–6.

The following results arrived too late for inclusion in yesterday's paper:

Men's singles: first round: R Schapers (Neth) bt P Blincow, 7-6, 6-1; S Menon (Ind) bt T Nelson (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; M Lewis (NZ) bt J Rubin (US), 7-6, 6-2; B Custer (Aus) bt J Godfrey, 7-6, 6-3; R Simpson (NZ) bt P French, 6-3, 7-6; T Cain (US) bt J Whiteford, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; R Whichello bt D MacPherson (Aus), 6-1, 7-6; K Warwick (Aus) bt M Rodriguez (Chile), 6-4, 5-1; D Rostagno (Arg) bt M Kaller (Bra), 6-3, 6-4; K Flach (US) bt P Hand, 7-2, 6-4; F Errard (Fra) bt R Nelson (US), 6-7, 7-6, 6-6; D Doohan (Aus) bt C Bloxham, 7-5, 3-6, 3-2, rtd; A Andrews (US) bt A Lakatos, 6-2, 7-6; C Dunk (US) bt M Hocand, 6-4, 6-4; M Baroch (Aus) bt S Jones, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; C Miller (Aus) bt T Robson, 6-3, 6-4; E Edwards (US) bt Y Sharma, 6-0, 6-3; P McEnroe (US) bt C Clarke, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; G Muller (SA) bt M Frankel, 6-1, 6-1; C Johnstone (Aus) bt M Guntrip, 6-2, 6-1; A Amritraj (Ind) bt J Fernandez (US), 6-0, 6-0; D Goto (US) bt S King, 6-0, 6-3; T Walter (US) bt R Woodbridge (Aus), 6-2, 6-2; D Dowlen (US) bt A Douglas, 6-3, 6-1; P Annacone (US) bt M Mortensen (Den), 6-3, 7-5; C Van Rensburg (SA) bt A Maasdorf (SA), 6-3, 6-0; C Bradnam bt J Carter (US), 7-5, 6-2; J Turpin (US) bt C Pasarell (US), 6-2, 6-4.

YACHTING

Fauconnier promoted from ninth to first

From Barry Pickthall
Newport, Rhode Island

Yvon Fauconnier, sailing the 54ft British-designed and built trimaran, Umupro Jardin V, was confirmed as the winner of *The Observer*/Europe I singlehanded transatlantic race yesterday, after crossing the Newport finishing line in ninth place, more than 10 hours behind the 60ft trimaran of fellow Frenchman, Philippe Poupon, Fleury Michon VI, which was the first to reach port.

Fauconnier's elevation, which came after the Royal Western Yacht Club organizers awarded him a time allowance of 16 hours for rescuing a fellow competitor, Philippe Jeantot, after his catamaran capsized, is an unprecedented move in short-handed racing, which many French commentators find hard to comprehend. It was, after all, only last year that a competitor was disqualified in the French-organized single-handed Route du Rhum transatlantic race for sailing with more than one person on board, after he had rescued a fellow competitor.

There is no doubt that the Royal Western have made a just decision, and Poupon, who was also sailing a British-built and designed trimaran, must rest content with line honours and a new singlehanded record for the 3,000-mile voyage of 16 days 11 hours 55 minutes, almost a day and a half inside the previous best time, set by the American, Phil Weld, in the first race four years ago.

Poupon, aged 29, who gained much of his experience from sailing with Eric Tabarly, crossed the finish line 21 minutes ahead of the radical wing-masted catamaran, Elf Aquitaine II, sailed by Marc Pajot.

Fourth across the line was Britain's Peter Phillips, whose 60ft trimaran, Travacrest Seaway, had led the fleet until the weekend. The former police sergeant was slowed over the final 500 miles light airs stage of the race after his medium Genoa split in two and said, on arrival: "I reckon to have lost seven hours because of gear failure which you just can't afford to have in a race this competitive."

Two hundred and fifty miles from the finish, Phillips missed his footing and fell overboard, but there was no wind at the time and he managed to clamber back.

FINAL PLACINGS (French unless stated): 1, Y Fauconnier, Umupro Jardin V, 16 days 6hr 25min; 2, P Poupon, Fleury Michon VI, 16:11:55; 3, M Pajot, Elf Aquitaine II, 16:12:18; 4, E Tabarly, Paul Ricard, 16:14:21; 5, P Phillips (GB), Travacrest Seaway, 16:17:26; 6, D Gilard, Nantes, 16:17:51; 7, O Moussy, Region Centre, 16:18:46; 8, B Peyron, L'Aigion, 16:19:50; 9, F Boucher, Ker Cadelac, 16:21:18; 10, W Luhrs (US), Thursday's Child, 16:22:27.

● La Trinité, France – The French boats, Passion 2, and Cifraline, were first and second on the second day of the One ton cup, here yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). British hopes raised by Jade's win on Monday faded with the increasing wind.

Results: 1, Passion 2 (France) P Briand; 2, Citraline (France) D Andrieu; 3, 50dpack (West Germany) B Schutz. British placings: 11, Fever (D Diehl); 13, Constance of Lymington (C Martin); 18, Jade (L Woodall); 21, Sidewinder (J Oswald).

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitakers set high standard

From Jenny MacArthur
Aachen

John and Michael Whitaker, two of the five British Olympic shortlisted riders competing here set a fine standard when they finished first and third respectively in yesterday's 112-strong Preis der Vegla-Glaswerk competition at the international show.

John, the elder brother, rode St Mungo, his Olympic second string, whom most riders would be happy to have as a first; Michael's partner was Overton Amanda, who jumped effortlessly round the challenging 12 fences including the eight foot water ditch, the horse's least favourite type of fence.

The two brothers were separated by the professional West German rider Karsten Huck, on Calando. For good measure John Whitaker also came seventh on Hopscotch. Michael was less fortunate on his second ride, Red Flight, on whom he collected 17½ faults.

Of the other British riders, Steven Smith, had a good round collecting just four faults on Shining Example as did David Bowen on his two rides, Brindle Boy and Boysie. Gary Gillespie did nothing to increase his Olympic chances when Lorenzo had four fences down.

The Irish contingent had a morale-boosting day. They finished first, second and fifth in the opening ALRV speed class. Paul Darragh won on the tough little P.J.Carroll, now 16, who has won 70 classes, 18 of them at Aachen during the nine years he has been ridden by Darragh. Yesterday they finished two seconds ahead of the runner-up, Eddie Macken with Carrolls Wendy. Capt Gerry Mullins completed the Irish tally on Mostrim.

On the dressage front Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Gold, the son of Dutch Courage, produced one of their best tests to finish fourth in the Prix St Georges.

PREIS DE VEGLA GLASEERE: 1, St Mungo (J Whitaker) 0 in 71.05; 2, Calando (K Huck, WG) 0 in 71.40; 3, Overton Amanda (M Whitaker) 0 in 72.38.

ALRV SPEED CLASS: 1, P J Carroll (P Darragh, Ireland) 0 in 57.6sec; 2, Carroll's Wendy (E Macken, Ireland) 0 in 59.44; 3, Kenatte de Launay (E Mediel Fr) 0 in 59.45.

PRIX ST GEORGES: Dressage. 1, Coriandus (M Otto-Crepin Fr) 1,233pts; 2, Waldgeracht (C Boylen, Can) 1,212; 3, Manus (H Roeben, WG) 1,205; 4, Dutch Gold (J Loriston-Clarke, 1,177.

CRICKET: YORKSHIRE AND SUSSEX STRUGGLE

Yorkshire's hopes depart with Boycott

By Richard Streeton

HARROGATE: Yorkshire (6pts) drew with Derbyshire (5).

Yorkshire, seeking 263 from what turned out to be 50 overs, stumbled in disappointing manner on a pitch which remained lifeless to the end. Without the unjured Hartley, Yorkshire were unable to capitalize on a promising start once wickets started to fall.

All day the onus was with Derbyshire to prevent the match drifting into stalemate. The pitch, of course, was the main culprit from the start. To Barnett's credit he never shirked his obligations and, initially, Yorkshire's target looked generous.

By tea, Yorkshire were 56 without loss, and when Boycott changed his mind in mid-stroke against Roberts, the score was 87 for one in the twenty-second over. Boycott had bisected a thickly populated off-side field with marvellous placing and timing.

Sharp drove a catch to mid-on and Stevenson, promoted, was bowled by a full toss. Yorkshire, requiring 132 from the last 20 overs, were still in the hunt, but the dismissals of Moxon and Bairstow in successive overs tilted the match away from them.

An assured innings by Moxon ended when he was unable to beat Morris's throw from fine leg as he sought a second run against Roberts. Bairstow was bowled attempting to sweep. From the final 10 overs, Yorkshire needed 92 and the shutters were put into place soon afterwards. Love was bowled with seven overs to go, but Robinson and Carrick played out time with little difficulty.

Barnett strained a groin muscle on Sunday, but was forced to bat at No 9 when the Derbyshire innings needed a pilot to steer it clear of the rocks. Carrick, who finished with 11 wickets in the game, bowled his left-arm spin for most of the time; his flight is less varied than that of most of his better-known Yorkshire predecessors, but few had to contend with the particular demands of the one-day game.

Bairstow, meanwhile, kept Derbyshire interested as the saying goes, but Derbyshire would still have been in trouble without Morris. Driving with relaxed confidence, Morris followed his maiden century on Saturday with an attractive 76. He kept his head as, in rapid succession, Hill charged fatally against Swallow; Wright pulled a catch to mid-wicket; and Fowler gave a low return catch. Morris was seventh out, caught at cover, and after some useful blows from Roberts, the declaration came.

DERBYSHIRE: First innings 439 (J G Wright 141, J E Morris 116, K J Barnett 50; P Carrick 6 for 165).

Second innings

†B J M Maher b Stevenson	11
I S Anderson l-b-w b Carrick	20
A Hill st Bairstow b Swallow	18
J E Morris c Robinson b Carrick	76
J G Wright c Swallow b Carrick	0
W P Fowler c and b Carrick	5
R J Finney st Bairstow b Carrick	3
B Roberts not out	29
*K J Barnett not out	10
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 1)	4
Total (7 wkts dec)	175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–31, 2–37, 3–93, 4–98, 5–106, 6–120, 7–143.

BOWLING: Fletcher 7-4-17-0; Carrick 30-8-80-5; Stevenson 4-1-10-1; Moxon 5-1-21-0; Swallow 12-2-32-1; Sharp 4.2-0-27-0; Robinson 1-0-4-0.

YORKSHIRE: First innings 352 for 4 dec (G Boycott 153 not out, K Sharp 104, P Robinson 74 not out).

Second innings

G Boycott b Roberts	46
M D Moxon run out	74
†K Sharp c Finney b Roberts	7
G B Stevenson b Newman	6
J D Love b Newman	19
*D L Bairstow b Moir	0
P Robinson not out	32
P Carrick not out	12
Extras (b 1, l-b 5)	6
Total (6 wkts)	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–87, 2–107, 3–128, 4–143, 5–144, 6–176.

BOWLING: Newman 11-0-58-2; Finney 10-1-36-0; Moir 14-3-61-1; Roberts 11-1-31-2; Hill 2-1-12-0; Barnett 2-0-10-0.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and J W Holder.

Drinking ban

Derbyshire have banned all-day drinking from matches played at Queen's Park, Chesterfield, after unruly scenes at the end of the John Player League game against Yorkshire on Sunday. The bars will now shut for an hour-and-a-half during the afternoon.

Leicester turn tables

Leicestershire beat Hampshire by 63 runs on a day of fluctuating fortunes at Southampton yesterday, to achieve their sixth win of the season in the championship.

After losing their last nine wickets in the morning for 109, Leicestershire were facing the prospect of defeat when Hampshire, chasing 254 in a minimum of 69 overs, reached tea at 120 for one.

The match swung back Leicestershire's way after the interval, as Andy Roberts, playing against his former county, took two of the five wickets Hampshire lost in the space of 11 overs.

Roberts struck after Willey, helped by a superb catch, had broken a second wicket stand of 120 in 37 overs between Smith (75) and Nicholas (55). Smith was seventh out at 180 as Hampshire lost their last nine wickets for 54 runs. Roberts finished with three for 31 and Agnew three for 57. The man who troubled Leicestershire in the morning was Maru, the spinner, who returned career-best figures of six for 75.

Half-centuries by Cook and Williams frustrated Essex as Northamptonshire battled their way to a draw at Chelmsford. On a docile pitch, they helped to keep the champions in the field all day as they reached 315 for six.

Northants had resumed the final day still needing 123 to avoid an innings defeat, but they were able to accomplish the task with ease.

Roberts: three wickets

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Hants v Leics

AT SOUTHAMPTON

Leicestershire (24pts) beat Hampshire (3) by 63 runs.

LEICESTERSHIRE: first innings 326 for 6 dec (P Willey 139, T J Boon 75).

Second innings

J C Balderstone c Terry b Tremlett	18
R A Cobb c Jesty b Maru	48
J J Whitaker c Parks b Cowley	20
*P Willey b Maru	5
T J Boon c Pocock b Maru	3
N E Briers c Smith b Maru	6
†M A Garnham l-b-w b Maru	8
P B Clift c Jesty b Maru	17
A M E Roberts c Nicholas b Cowley	7
G J Parsons not out	26
J P Agnew b Cowley	0
Extras (b 6, l-b 5, w 2, n-b 2)	15
Total	172

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–41, 2–88, 3–101, 4–103, 5–110, 6–117, 7–120, 8–129, 9–172, 10–172.

BOWLING: Reifer 6-2-9-0; Connor 9-4-9-0; Maru 38-13-75-6; Tremlett 13-5-21-1; Cowley 21.4-8-43-3.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 244 (A M E Roberts 5 for 53).

Second innings

V P Terry c sub b Roberts	4
C L Smith c sub b Agnew	75
M C J Nicholas c Briers b Willey	55
T E Jesty c Willey b Roberts	1
*N E J Pocock c Garnham b Roberts	0
N G Cowley c Whitaker b Willey	15
R J Maru b Agnew	2
T M Tremlett c Whitaker b Clift	8
†R J Parks l-b-w b Agnew	0
E L Reifer not out	6
C A Connor c Briers b Clift	3
Extras (b 7, l-b 2, n-b 12)	21
Total	190

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–16, 2–136, 3–137, 4–137, 5–154, 6–168, 7–180, 8–180, 9–182, 10–190.

BOWLING: Roberts 18-8-31-3; Agnew 18-4-57-3; Willey 18-8-35-2; Balderstone 3-0-8-0; Clift 10.1-4-22-2; Parsons 4-0-16-0.

Umpires: D G L Evans and R A White.

Essex v Northants

AT CHELMSFORD

Essex (8pts) drew with Northamptonshire (4)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 204 (R J Bailey 75; J K Lever 6 for 72).

Second innings

*G Cook c D E East b Philip	84
W Larkins l-b-w b Gooch	55
N A Mallender c Gooch b Foster	9
D J Wild c D E East b Gooch	23
R G Williams l-b-w b Gooch	65
R J Bailey l-b-w b Lever	17
D J Capel not out	25
D S Steele not out	15
Extras (l-b 12, w 5, n-b 5)	22
Total (6 wkts)	315

G Sharp, A Walker and B J Griffiths did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–68, 2–111, 3–179, 4–197, 5–249, 6–278.

BOWLING: Lever 31-5-92-1; Foster 20-5-73-1; R E East 35-14-59-0; Philip 10-1-22-1

ESSEX: First innings 417 (K W R Fletcher 131, C Gladwin 72, K S McEwan 51; A Walker 4 for 85).

Umpires: D S Oslear and A G T Whitehead.

Glamorgan v Lancs

AT CARDIFF

Glamorgan (5pts) drew with Lancashire (8)

LANCASHIRE: First innings 337 for 8 dec (J Abrahams 83, N H Fairbrother 66, J A Ormrod 62).

Second innings

M R Chadwick c Thomas b Ontong	29
I Folley l-b-w b Ontong	14
*J Abrahams c Davies b Ontong	14
N H Fairbrother c Younis b Steele	68
D P Hughes hit wkt b Ontong	16
J Simmons l-b-w b Ontong	15
S T Jefferies not out	55
M Watkinson not out	10
Extras (b 11, l-b 7, n-b 11)	29
Total (6 wkts dec)	251

J A Ormrod, P J W Allott and †J Stanworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–31, 2–70, 3–81, 4–129, 5–155, 6–147.

BOWLING: Thomas 2-0-12-0; Selvey 7-2-24-0; Steele 29-10-108-1; Ontong 33.5-14-80-5.

GLAMORGAN: First innings 305 (Younis Ahmed 83, Javed Miandad 83; I Folley 5 for 65).

Second innings

J A Hopkins c Hughes b Allott	7
A L Jones c Jefferies b Folley	64
R C Ontong c Allott b Simmons	11
Javed Miandad c Folley b Simmons	46
Younis Ahmed c Allott b Folley	1
†G C Holmes c Simmons b Folley	0
J F Steele c Abrahams b Folley	6
J G Thomas not out	28
T Davies l-b-w b Watkinson	9
*M W W Selvey not out	0
Extras (b 3, l-b 6, w 1, n-b 1)	11
Total (8 wkts)	189

S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–23, 2–43, 3–87, 4–102, 5–102, 6–113, 7–123, 8–161.

BOWLING: Allott 6-1-19-1; Jefferies 4-0-15-0; Watkinson 2-2-0-1; Simmons 13.5-2-48-2; Folley 28-5-58-4; Abrahams 5-0-15-0; Hughes 3-1-3-0

Umpires: J H Harris and K E Palmer.

Worcs v Cambridge University

AT WORCESTER

Worcestershire beat Cambridge University by 10 wickets.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First innings 217 (A E Lea 61; D N Patel 4 for 56).

Second innings

C R Andrew l-b-w b Warner	19
A E Lea c Curtis b Illingworth	7
M N Breddy b Patel	6
P G P Roebuck c Curtis b Illingworth	28
D G Price c Warner b d'Oliveira	42
†A G Davies c Humphries b Patel	5
A K Golding l-b-w b Patel	39
T A Cotterell b Patel	11
*A J Pollock c Humphries b Patel	1
A D H Grimes l-b-w b Illingworth	11
P Garlick not out	0
Extras (b 17, l-b 5, w 1, n-b 4)	27
Total	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–36, 2–36, 3–70, 4–90, 5–113, 6–173, 7–179, 8–193, 9–196, 10–196.

BOWLING: Warner 17-5-29-1; Inchmore 3-0-3-0; Illingworth 40-21-48-3; Patel 23.3-10-28-5; d'Oliveira 15-3-47-1; Curtis 3-0-14-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings 395 for 5 dec (D N Patel 197, T S Curtis 129)

Second innings

M J Weston not out	14
P J Newport not out	7
Total (no wkt)	21

M S A McEvoy, T S Curtis, D N Patel, D B d'Oliveira, D A Banks, †D J Humphries, R K Illingworth, J D Inchmore and A E Warner did not bat.

BOWLING: Grimes 2-0-10-0; Garlick 1.3-0-11-0.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and A A Jones.

Oxford Univ v Kent

AT THE PARKS

Kent beat Oxford University by an innings and 57 runs.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First innings 184 (K B S Jarvis 4 for 43, G W Johnson 4 for 65)

Second innings

W R Bristowe c Waterton b Jarvis	0
R M Edbrooke c Taylor b Johnson	41
G J Toogood b Jarvis	0
M R Cullinan c Waterton b Jarvis	1
J D Carr c Johnson b Jarvis	1
*K A Hayes l-b-w b Johnson	11
D A Thorne not out	69
†J G Franks b Jarvis	27
N T Rawlinson b Johnson	1
M P Lawrence c and b Johnson	2
J R Turnbull c Taylor b Johnson	0
Extras (b 4, l-b 3, w 1, n-b 1)	9
Total	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–9, 3–35, 4–43, 5–65, 6–68, 7–124, 8–163, 9–162, 10–178.

BOWLING: Jarvis, 14-6-30-5; Cowdrey, 6-1-18-0; Johnson, 42.4-18-62-5; Potter, 17-4-43-0; Taylor, 5-2-12-0; Aslett 5-1-14-0.

KENT: First innings 419 (R M Ellison 108, C J Tavaré 102; K A Hayes 4 for 58).

Umpires: W E Alley and C Smith.

TOUR MATCH

OLD TRAFFORD: Kenya 165; Lancashire II 169 for 1 (D W Varey 86 not out). Lancashire II won by 9 wickets.

UNDER 25 COMPETITION

ORPINGTON: Kent 107; Essex 108 for 7 (C Wood 6 for 46). Essex won by 3 wickets.

WORCESTER CITY CC: Worcestershire 193 for 8 (40 overs: G A Hick 50); Glamorgan 182 for 4 (40 overs: H Morris 62, J Derrick 61). Worcestershire won by 11 runs.

Butcher: third hundred

Butcher's century saves day

By Marcus Williams

GUILDFORD: Surrey (2 pts) drew with Sussex (7).

Alan Butcher batted right through the final, steamy day to score 135, his third hundred of the season, and save the match against Sussex. Butcher's fine effort of concetration lasted a total of six hours as Surrey, 35 for no wicket at the start, still 112 runs behind, reached 262 for six.

The pitch, which on Monday had threatened inconvenience for the batsmen, caused occasional problems of irregular bounce at one end, but in the absence of le Roux and Pigott Sussex had no bowler of sufficient pace to explore its possiblities.

The other end offered some turn and Wller, toiling away from 10 minutes before lunch until after five o'clock with left-arm spin, teased out Knight, Lynch and Needham after Howarth had played an inelegant swish at Reeve in the day's ninth over.

When Waller and the off spinner, Barclay, were in harness before tea, Surrey, only 26 runs ahead and Lynch just out, were briefly under threat. Butcher, however, continued on his defiant way and reached his century soon afterwards in 246 minutes with three sixes, two of them to long on from successive balls by Barclay, and eight fours, mainly square or through the covers.

After a poor start to the season, Butcher has now made three centuries and three half-centuries in 11 first class innings.

At tea, with 40 overs remaining, Surrey were 196 for three, and though Needham charged down the pitch to be stumped with only 10 runs added, Stewart hit seven polished fours to extinguish any flickering Sussex hopes.

In a final flurry, the perspiring Waller grasped a fine catch at mid-wicket and Parker took the ninth and tenth wickets of his career in a tidy spell of leg breaks before the game, which had rumbled along for most of the day like the suburban trains and heavy lorries alongside the ground, was concluded at half-past five.

SURREY: First innings 208 (A J Stewart 73)

Second innings

A R Butcher not out	135
*G P Howarth c Gould b Reeve	19
R D V Knight b Waller	21
M A Lynch c Gould b Waller	33
A Needham st Gould b Waller	16
A J Stewart c Waller b Parker	31
†C J Richards b Parker	0
D J Thomas not out	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 5)	7
Total (6 wkts)	262

G Monkhouse, S T Clarke and P I Pocock did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–58, 2–124, 3–172, 4–208, 5–255, 6–259.

BOWLING: Greig 16-3-40-0; Reeve 16-6-39-1; Barclay 17-8-28-0; Jones 11-1-45-0; C M Wells 2-1-4-0; Waller 30-4-70-3; Parker 1-2-21-2; Green 4-0-7-0.

SUSSEX: First innings 355 for 8 dec (D A Reeve 119, J R T Barclay 76)

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian

Notts provide the day's only heroes

By Peter Ball

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (24pts) beat Gloucestershire (2) by an innings and 125 runs.

Even Without Rice and Saxelby who did not field because of minor ailments, Nottinghamshire wasted little time yesterday morning claiming their third championship victory in succession, and their fifth this season. Gloucestershire's resistance, if it could be so described, was polished off in 35 minutes.

Any thought Gloucestershire might have entertained of a heroic escape probably disappeared with the first ball of the morning. It was bowled, needless to say, by Hadlee, and swung late to take Shepherd's outside edge, giving Broad his second good slip catch of the innings and, Hadlee his eleventh wicket of the match.

With Monday's hero departed, the remaining Gloucestershire batsmen clearly saw little point in prolonging the agony and proceeded to go for their shots. Surprisingly Hemmings, rather than Hadlee, was the beneficiary. Hemmings was also the main victim. Russell hit him for a six and Graveney for three fours in three balls before both succumbed. Rice and Saxelby, though, will play today against Lancashire.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings 113 (R J Hadlee 7 for 35)

(Second innings)

P W Romaines c Such B Saxelby	2
A W Stovold c French b Saxelby	7
C W J Athey c Broad b Hadlee	18
Zaheer Abbas b Hadlee	4
P Bainbridge b Hadlee	8
A J Wright b Saxelby	24
J N Shepherd c Broad b Hadlee	47
*D A Graveney c Cooper b Hemmings	33
†R C Russell b Hemmings	9
D V Lawrence b Hemmings	3
G E Sainsbury not out	1
Extras (l-b 2, w 1, n-b 1)	4
Total	160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–7, 2–14, 3–21, 4–37, 5–50, 6–88, 7–128, 8–139, 9–158, 10–160.

BOWLING: Hadlee 18-4-41-4; Saxelby 10-3-46-3; Cooper 7-4-8-0; Hemmings 10.1-3-37-3; Such 9-3-25-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 398 for 7 dec (J D Birch 110 not out, R T Robinson 78, B C Broad 71)

Umpires: B Leadbeater and J Birkenshaw.

Lording it on Sunday

The Courage Old England XI play the Lords and Commons' XI at Vincent Square, Westminster at two o'clock on Sunday.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Leicestershire (4)	10	6	0	4	25	33	154
Nottingham (14)	9	5	1	3	22	28	130
Essex (1)	10	4	2	4	21	34	119
Sussex (11)	9	4	1	4	23	30	113*
Kent (7)	8	3	2	3	14	20	82
Worcester (16)	9	2	2	5	20	25	77
Yorkshire (17)	8	2	0	6	24	17	73
Surrey (8)	11	1	3	7	23	31	70
Warwickshire (5)	8	1	2	5	26	20	62
Hampshire (3)	9	1	5	3	23	21	60
Middlesex (2)	8	1	4	3	17	23	56
Northampton (6)	8	1	3	4	23	16	55
Somerset (10)	7	1	2	4	15	22	53
Glamorgan (15)	8	1	2	5	17	20	53
Derbyshire (9)	9	0	2	7	29	24	53
Lancashire (12)	9	0	1	8	23	26	49
Gloucester (12)	8	1	2	5	12	18	46

Sussex record includes 12 points for a win in match reduced to one innings a side

1983 positions in brackets

ROWING

Baillieu omitted after 11 years

By Jim Railton

The selectors seem to have taken a moderately tough line in their Olympic selections, announced yesterday.

Only seven crews have been nominated for the British team, four men's and three women's.

The most notable absentee is the single sculler, Chris Baillieu, who had represented his country in every European, world and Olympic regatta since 1973. Baillieu and Hart won the 1976 Olympic silver medal, and took the world title in 1977. Baillieu finished fourth in the double sculls in the 1980 Olympic.

But Baillieu's record this season has been far from impressive and while he may be forgiven for having a migraine one day at Nottingham, he was well adrift at Lucerne over the weekend, and failed be some distance to make the two finals.

Britain's flagship for the Olympic regatta on Lake Casitas is undoubtedly the coxed four – Redgrave, Holmes, Budgett and Cross, steered by Adrian Ellison. They won convincingly in Lucerne on Saturday, setting a course record, but decided not to show any more of their real hand, withdrawing on Sunday, when their course record was further lowered by East Germany.

The heavyweight coxed fours promises some keen competition, especially with New Zealand yet to appear this season, but victories by the British four this year over East Germany, the Soviet Union and the United States were impressive by any standards.

Britain's fastest-ever eight were third on Sunday, not far behind the United States and Canada. They led beyond halfway, but just could not match the finishing power of the North Americans.

The single sculler, Beryl Mitchell, fourth in Lucerne on Sunday, must also have a medal chance, with only Miss Ricila (Romania) of the first three going to the Olympic Games.

MEN: Coxless pairs: J Beattie, R Stanhope. Coxless fours: J Bland, J Garrett, M Knight, J Clift. Coxed fours: M Cross, R Budgett, A Holmes, S Redgrave. Cox: A Ellison. Eights: D McDougall, C Mahoney, Salih Hassan, J Pritchard, A Clift, E Roberts, M McGowan, A Whitwell. Cox: C Moynihan.

WOMEN: Single sculls: B Mitchell. Coxed Fours: T Millar, J Genchi, J Toch, K Bail. Cox: K Talbot. Eights: A Forbes, S Heles, K Holroyd, K McNicol, S Hunter-Jones, A Ayling, A Callaway, G Hodges. Cox: Sue Bailey.

IN BRIEF

Miss New makes switch

Beverley New, whose chip from the back of Muirfield's eighteenth green paved the way for hers and Claire Waite's win in the opening foursomes series in the recent Curtis Cup, is the first member of the Great Britain and Ireland side to make the decision to turn professional (Lewine Mair writes). After playing in the Lady Captain's Day at Lansdown on Thursday Miss New will make the transition on Friday. The 1980 English champion has already made her presence felt in the professional arena. In 1982, at a time when WPGA events were accepting amateur entries, she won their United Friendly tournament at Walmley.

TENNIS: Great Britain, the No. 4 seeds, will play Bulgaria in the first round of the Federation Cup, the women's international team competition, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, from July 15-22, Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs face a Bulgarian team led by Manuela Maleeva, aged 17, whose recent form on European clay has lifted her to No. 8 in the world rankings. If the British girls win, they are likely to meet the Soviet Union in the second round.

CANOEING: The Great Britain selectors yesterday named the squad for the Los Angeles Olympics.

MEN: K1 500: D Upson (Royal CC, Teddington). K1 1000: S Jackson (Army Canoe Union). K2 500: A Shenff (Wey Kayak Club, Guildford), J West (Royal CC). K2 1000: C Cawson (Royal CC), Reoborski (Warren CC, Reading). K4 1000: G Bourne (Royal CC), K Smith (Warren CC), West, Shenff.

WOMEN (line-up for each event yet to be decided): G Lawler (Elmbridge CC, Molesey), L Perrett (Reading and Leyton Park CC), L Senior (Lakeside CC), D Watson (Leighton Buzzard CC).

Canadian Canoe: E Jameson (Wey KC), A Train (Fladbury CC), S Train (Fladbury CC).

CRICKET

Homespun philosophy will decide finalists

By Ivo Tennant

Given some cloud at Headingley this morning – even if depression seems far removed from Yorkshire and a green pitch at Trent Bridge, not an unknown occurence, winning the toss will be of paramount importance in the Benson and Hedges semi-finals.

The toss can, of course, quash every prediction, even though we know that Rice is a dab hand at winning it, and Hadlee, his magnificent all-rounder, adept at exploiting it. But for reasons of home advantage alone, it is difficult to envisage Lancashire overcoming Nottinghamshire, just as it is hard to see Yorkshire failing to benefit, in their tie against Warwickshire.

And as if his mere presence is not enough to deter his opponents, Hadlee has gone on the warpath. He does not rate Lancashire. "Most players have one team they particularly enjoy playing against," said Nottingamshire's New Zealander, "and in my case it is Lancashire. If I could have chosen the opposition it would have been them."

In the 1982 semi-final between the two, Hadlee's 55 rescued Nottinghamshire from the parlous position of 116 for six, and helped them into the final. They did not, incidentally, win it. None of today's semi-finalists has won this competition.

Lancashire bring back O'Shaughnessy from the suspension they imposed on him (for reasons they will not divulge, although in the age of cheque-book journalism they will probably come out in the wash). They may be without Ormrod, who has a groin strain.

With Lloyd still in hospital following his injury in the first Test, ... will open Warwickshire's innings at Headingley with David Smith. Willis and Old, the former Yorkshire captain, have niggling injuries but should both be fit.

Four days after making his debut for Yorkshire in the John Player League, Robinson, a 20 year-old batsman, is likely to be included. He may go in first wicket down, as ...tley has broken a toe. His ...ntry, who lost to Warwickshire in the zonal rounds, will be more concerned with the opposition's number three, Kallicharran, first to ...0 this season.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (from): B C Broad, R T Robinson, D W Randall, C E B Rice (capt), J D ..., B Hassan, R J Hadlee, B N French, E E Hemmings, K Saxelby, K E Cooper, P M Such.

LANCASHIRE: J Abrahams (capt), J A Ormrod ... M R Chadwick), G Fowler, S J O'Shaughnessy, D P Hughes, N H Fairbrother, ...tworth, P J W Allott, B T Jefferies, J Simmons, M Watkinson.

YORKSHIRE (from): G Boycott, M D Moxon, P ...son, K Sharp, J D Love, D L Bairstow ..., A Sidebottom, P Carrick, G B ...nson, S Oldham, S D Fletcher, I G ...low.

WARWICKSHIRE (from): K D Smith, R I H B ..., A I Kallicharran, D L Amiss, G W Humpage, P A Smith, A M Ferreira, C M Old, C ...wide, G C Small, N Gifford, R G D Willis

Hadlee: on warpath

Surridge holds the key

Minor Counties cricket by Michael Berry

Cheshire, the holders of the English Estates Trophy, will not defend the title in this season's final at Fenner's on July 15. Hertfordshire, the reigning Minor County champions saw to that at Macclesfield on Sunday.

Last year Cheshire beat Hertfordshire by 105 runs in a first-round tie. On Sunday they had high hopes of repeating that victory after dismissing Hertfordshire for 129 on a ...ner's wicket. That they had reckoned without Surridge and ...ry. Hertfordshire's formidable opening attack, was quickly evident. In a sensational hour Cheshire were reduced to six for six and then ... for seven. Hitchmough, a sturdy ...ounder batting at No 8, hit six ...s to threaten the impossible before Surridge, who finished with ... for 15 and the Man of the Match award, removed him for 59. Cheshire's 88 was the lowest recorded total in the two years of the competition.

The win completed a mixed week for Hertfordshire. Earlier, they had lost their first championship match against Staffordshire at Watford. The other English Estates quarter-finals saw Oxfordshire, Norfolk and Northumberland triumph. Oxford's ...ing saw them home against ...on, despite an unbeaten 55 from ...d. Oxfordshire now meet ...fordshire in the semi-finals at ...ord on July 1.

A dashing 43 from Matlocks was one of the highlights of Norfolk's victory over Dorset while Northumberland again had Halliday to thank for their passage against Shropshire. In the championship sponsored by United Friendly Insurance, ...ert, a youngster from New South Wales making his debut for Lincolnshire, finished with match figures of 12 for 79 as Bedfordshire were beaten by six wickets.

Today's cricket

Benson and Hedges semi-finals (11.00, 55 overs)

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Warwickshire

...on Trophy (11.00 to 7.00)

HARROGATE: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire

Second XI Championship

Bournemouth: Hampshire v Kent; Blackpool: Lancashire v Derbyshire; Horton: Northamptonshire v Essex; Eastbourne: Sussex v Middlesex; Leamington Spa: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire; Ombersley: Worcestershire v Somerset; Marske-by-Sea: Yorkshire v Glamorgan.

...men's match

...stead: Surrey v New Zealand

... match

...wich: Cheshire v Kenya

Minor Counties championship

...: Hertfordshire v Lincolnshire

RACING: IMPRESSIVE MORCON MARCHES ON TOWARDS ECLIPSE SHOWDOWN

Leipzig to steal glory from classic fillies in Coronation Stakes

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Pebbles, Katies, So Fine, L'Orangerie, Leipzig and Desirable all standing their ground, today's Coronation Stakes looks the best race of its type of Royal Ascot this afternoon. Pebbles and Katies are the respective winners of the English and Irish 1,000 Guineas; the other four, all good fillies in their own right.

It is always risky opposing classic form, but I believe the risk is worth taking in going for Leipzig now that her connexions have not only fathomed the best way to ride her but also the right distance.

When she was beaten a length by Pebbles over seven furlongs at Newmarket in April, and a length and a half by Circus Plume over *10* furlongs at Newbury in May, Leipzig was ridden from behind. However, when she won the International Stakes, over a *mile* at Kempton at the beginning of this month, Leipzig made every yard of the running and the difference was quiet startling. Making the best use of her long, raking stride, she came home seven lengths ahead of her nearest rival.

Adopting those same attacking tactic again today, Leipzig will be hard to catch, even by Pebbles, whom she will be meeting on 4lb better terms when they clash last in the spring. Katies and Desirable are similarly penalized for winning Group one races.

In the circumstances, L'Orangerie and So Fine could prove bigger dangers. After all L'Orangerie was fancied to beat Pebbles in the 1,000 Guineas until she knocked herself and went lame the week before the race. And but for that appalling draw, So Fine might well have beaten Katies in the Irish 1,000 instead of finishing only third.

Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn, the trainer and jockey of Leipzig, also have a good chance of winning the Queen Mary Stakes with Top Socialite, who also romped home seven lengths ahead of her rivals at Sandown in May. That stamped her as a Queen Mary type but she still faces a formidable task.

A year ago this race was won by a 50-1 outsider. Those in search of another long shot could do a lot worse than consider Axe Valley from Paul Cole's in-form stable. Although Lowly Warwick was the scene of her only victory, she is considered to be much better than that level, and remember Night of Wind had been beaten at Catterick before winning today's race 12 months ago.

Devon Defender, who made so many friends when winning at Salisbury earlier this month, Happy Hannah, Lady Donna, who beat Top Socialite first time out, Muffitys and Opera Comique are others who all come into the reckoning for what promises to be a very difficult race.

Lester Piggott's best chance of getting among the money today probably rest with **Argosy (2.30)** and **Basil Boy (3.45)**.

When asked which horse he would miss riding most this week because of his suspension, Pat Eddery replied without a moment's hesitation: "Argosy in the Jersey – make no mistake, he *is* a good horse." When Eddery speaks with such conviction it is as good reason as any for going nap.

By all accounts, Argosy had to overcome all manner of problems in running before finally swamping Dermot Weld's fancied Cork and Orrery runner, Committed, at Phoenix Park. In the meantime, our Irish Correspondent has weighed in with the remark that in the Emerald Isle they consider Argosy to be their banker of the week. In the circumstances no one should be surprised if the old firm of Vincent O'Brien and Lester Piggott enjoy the happiest of reunions.

Basil Boy, Piggott's ride in the Royal Hunt Cup, is a tough horse who needs strong handling from a tough jockey. And he will certainly get that from Piggott. Basil Boy is also a horse who will be running on when others have cried enough. Teleprompter and Vintage Toll, both wearing blinkers for the first time in public, the much improved Hawkley and Roman Beach are other fancied runners. But the best outsider, worthy of a few bob each way, could be the bottom weight Ballnacarn who should relish this mile having looked unlucky in running in his last three races over seven furlongs.

Being by Sassafrass out of a Busted mare, Baynoun sports a pedigree that commands support for the Queen's Vase. And so too does his ecord this season. The difficulty is knowing whether this season's crop of three-year-olds, of which Baynoun is one, are capable of beating their elders, represented in this instance by such accomplished performers as Harly, the recent conneror of Carlingford Castle at Sandown, and the Queen's hope, Castle Rising, who ran so well against Jupiter Island at Newbury.

Finally, Drand Unit, an exceptionally easy winner at Ripon earlier this month, is taken to repeat his victory of a year ago in the Bessborough Stakes at the expense of Insular Miramar, Reef, Joy Ride and Sikorsky. Grand Unit is one horse who *will* relish the fast ground.

Course specialists

ROYAL ASCOT

TRAINERS (1979-84): M V O'Brien 15 wins from 39 runners, 38.5 per cent; H Cecil 37 from 117, 31.6 per cent; G Harwood 30 from 122, 24.6 per cent.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 56 from 284, 19.7 per cent; W Carson 45 from 254, 17.7 per cent; J Mercer 34 from 184, 18.5 per cent; G Starkey 32 from 223, 14.3 per cent; W Swinburn 21 from 153, 13.7 per cent.

BEVERLEY

TRAINERS: W O'Gorman 12 winners from 37 runners, 32.4 per cent; M H Easterby 27 from 158, 17.1 per cent; R Hollinshead 16 from 174, 9.2 per cent.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield 29 from 201, 14.4 per cent; T Ives 13 from 113, 11.5 per cent.

Dwyer's ban

Chris Dwyer was suspended for six days for careless riding, from June 28 to July 3, after the stewards had found that his mount Amazmia had interfered with the placed horses Farlington and Malowski, in the seller, won by Domtony, at Thirsk yesterday.

● Lear Fan, third in the 2,000 Guineas, will go to France for the Prix Jacques Le Marois, over a mile at Deauville on August 19. His stable companion Roussillon is earmarked for Goodwood's Sussex Stakes on August 1.

Lester Piggott takes command on Trojan Fen in the Queen Anne Stakes (Photogaph: Ian Stewart)

Chief Singer puts on record show

By Michael Seely

Chief Singer played a handsome tribute not only to his 2,000 Guineas conqueror, El Gran Señor, but also to his own outstanding merit with an exhilarating performance of speed and class in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot yesterday.

Ron Sheather was high on the adrenalin of his greatest training triumph when throwing down the guantlet to all challengers: "This could be the fastest horse we've seen for years. We'll now take on Habibti in the July Cup. Then it's Goodwood for the Sussex Stakes. Finally, just for good measure, we'll test his stamina in the Champion."

The winning time of 1min 38.90sec beat Sackford's 1983 track record by a fraction under a second. Ray Cochrane was full of confidence throughout and victory was certain long before the jockey asked his mount to sprint eight lenghts clear of Keen entering the last furlong.

Sheather, nearly 20 years a jockey before working for Barry Hills as assistant, only took out a licence five years ago. He has excelled himself in this patient handling of Chief Singer, having rested the colt since Newmarket. "He just wasn't right after the Guineas. He must have had a virus".

It was also good to hear Sheather's loyalty to his formerly unfashionable jockey. "Of course Ray will ride Chief Singer for the rest of the season. We are not going to try and bring back Fred Archer at this stage of the game".

Vincent O'Brien was an interested spectator. And despite his disappointment with Esperanto, Ireland's greatest trainer was delighted to see the value to the Guineas form confirmed: "That was the result I wanted to see. I was thrilled to watch Chief Singer win."

El Gran Señor is next to try and reverse the Epsomm placings with Secreto in the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh on Saturday week. And the trainer is still not convinced that the beaten Derby favourite failed to stay the mile and a half at Epsom. "El Gran Señor got pretty close to it, and I consider that the Curragh course is a pretty easy one. If the going is firm, El Gran Señor will go for the Irish Derby and Sadler's Wells for the Eclipse. But if it becomes soft, the order will be reversed."

O'Brien's opinion is certainly borne out by the respective times at both courses. Mahmoud took 2 min 33.08 sec in his record-breaking Derby victory in 1936, while Shareef Dancer took last year's Irish Derby in 2 min 29.40 sec. Make no mistake: El Gran Señor is not going to be wrapped in cotton wool for the rest of his racing career. O'Brien is determined to prove the Northern Dancer colt to be a champion.

Tuesday at Royal Ascot is one of the rare occasions when personalities have to take a back seat and the horses themselves are the stars of the proceedings. At half an hour before the St James's Palace Stakes, Morcon showed himself to be another worthy opponent for Time Charter, Sadler's Wells and company with a devastating performance to win the Prince of Wales's Stakes for Dick Hern. After waiting in front, Willie Carson persuaded Lord Rotherwick's four-year-old to quicken away from Hot Touch, Muscatite and Tolomeo. "I've been telling them all along that this is a good horse," a triumphant Carson said, "but up to now, no one believed me."

The form cannot be faulted. Hot Touch was only just defeated by Caerleon in last August's Benson and Hedges Gold Cup. And Muscatite and Tolemeo confirmed their running together in the 1983 2,000 Guineas. "Morcon goes on all kinds of ground," Major Hern said. "He won the Predominate in hock-deep ground, at Goodwood last year and he loved the firm today. He will now go for the Eclipse and the Benson and Hedges."

Lester Piggott and Henry Cecil delighted their legion of followers when capturing the opening Queen Anne Stakes with Trojan Fen. Showing all the strength and determination that has won him 17 Ascot jockey titles in 33 years, the 48-year-old maestro drove Stavros Niarchos's three-year-old past Welsh Idol late in the last furlong.

"That was a good performance," Cecil said, "and on the strength of this alone Trojan Fen is likely to make a good stallion". The four-times champion trainer has now captured this event in four consecutive seasons, having previously won the trophy with Belmont Bay, Mr Fluorocarbon and Valiyar.

The other three-year-old conditions race, the Ribblesdale Stakes, resulted in a decisive victory for Ballinderry when Tony Ives brought Khaled Abdullah's Irish River filly with a well timed challenge to prevent Lord Howard De Walden from winning the race for the fifth time, with Sandy Island. "Ives has had two rides for me in two group races and won on both of them," Jeremy Tree said. "Ballinderry will now go to the Curragh for the Irish Guineas Oaks." Ives and Piggott share the lead in the race for the jockey title, both men having now ridden 42 winners.

As expected, Primo Dominie landed the odds of 7-4 laid on Brian Swift's Sandown winner in the Coventry Stakes. And finally Jimmy Fitzgerald, the Malton trainer, saddled his first-ever Royal Ascot winner from only his second runner when Kayudee beat Ack Ack Regiment by a neck in the Ascot Stakes. In so doing he landed a gamble, being backed from 7-1 to 11-2. Kayudee will now be aimed for the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle. Fitzgerald also has high hopes of winning this afternoon's Royal Hunt Cup with Bintage Toll. "Vintage Toll is well handicapped and he must give his backers a good run for their money."

ROYAL ASCOT (BBC)

[Televised (BBC1): 2.30, 3.5, 3.45. (BBC2): 4.20

GOING: good to firm

Draw: no advantage.

TOTE: double: 3.45, 4.55. Treble: 3.5, 4.20, 5.30

2.30 JERSEY STAKES (Group 3: 3-y-o: £17,792: 7f) (16 runners)

101 0132-20 WITHOUT RESERVE (D,B) (A Lillingston) L Browne (Ire) 9-6 ... S Cauthen 12

102 1-1 ARGOSY (R Sangster) M V O'Brien (Ire) 9-2 ... L Piggott 5

1983: Tecorno 8-6 W Carson (8-1) W Hern 13 ran.

6-4 Argosy, 100-30 Bold Indian, 6 Fiery Celt, 8 Lucky Scott, 10 Red Russell, 12 Round Hill, 14 Carrig Breeze, 16 Without Reserve, 20 others.

FORM: ARGOSY (8-9) won at Phoenix Park with FIERY CELT (18-11) beaten 2½l in 9th and WITHOUT RESERVE (8-11) another ¾ away 6th having been badly hampered (8f, £17,807, good, June 2, 9 ran). Previously FIERY CELT (9-0) 4l 6th of 9 to Sadler's Wells (9-0) in Irish 2000 Guineas (8f, £85,348, good to firm, May 19). LUCKY SCOTT (8-6) 3l 2nd to Adonijah (9-8) at Epsom (8.5f, £19,280, good, June 6, 7 ran). MR MEEKA (8-5) won ½l from Never So Bold (9-4) at Haydock (7f, £15,463, good to firm, June 9, 13 ran). BOLD INDIAN (8-13) head 2nd of 12 to DON MARTINO (8-2) at York with MR MEEKA (8-8) 10th (7f, £12,408, good to firm, May 17). PASSING STORM (8-9) 5l 8th of 8 to Forzando (9-5) at Haydock (6f, £7,960, firm, May 28). MISS SILCA KEY (9-0) 14th of 15 to Pebbles (9-0) in 1000 Guineas when MYSTERY SHIP (9-0) 12th (Newmarket, 8f, £87,009, good to firm, May 31.

Selection: FIERY CELT.

Royal Ascot Selections

By *Mandarin*

2.30 ARGOSY (nap). 3.5 Top Socialite. 3.45 Basil Boy. 4.20 Leipzig. 4.55 Baynoun. 5.30 Grand Unit.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Bold Indian. 3.5 Lady Donna. 3.45 Hawkley. 4.20 Leipzig. 4.55 Van Dyke Brown. 5.30 Joy Ride.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Bold Indian (each way). 3.45 VINTAGE TOLL (nap). 5.30 Sikorsky.

3.5 QUEEN MARY STAKES (Group 3: 2-y-o fillies: £16,588: 5f) (19)

201	23110	ADELPHAI (D,B) (T Capehart) W O'Gorman 8-8	NON-RUNNER	7
202	1	AXE VALLEY (D) (R Barber) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	14
203	4112	CAMEROUN (D) (BF) (C Wright) D Laing 8-8	P Cook	2
204	1	COLOURFUL (D) (Sir R McAlpine) E Bartholomew (Fr) 8-8	–	15
205	1	DEVON DEFENDER (D) (A Bingley) D Elsworth 8-8	R Fox	1
206	010334	EDWIN'S PRINCESS (D) (V Rendell) K Ivory 8-8	J Lowe	17
207	11	FARAWAY GREY (D) (J Crisp) R J Williams 8-8	J Mercer	3
208	32	FLATTEUSE (Sir J Thomson) M Kauntze (Ire) 8-8	S Cauthen	5
209	31	HAPPY HANNAH (D) (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-8	W Shoemaker	4
210	142	HI-TECH GIRL (D) (Intercraft) P Makin 8-8	G Starkey	12

3.45 ROYAL HUNT CUP (handicap: £18,122: 1m) (18)

GOUVERNO (8-11) pushed out to beat Prince Guard (8-7) 4l at Sandown (8f, £2,949, soft, May 29, 7 ran). HAWKLEY (8-11) completed hat-trick at Sandown with QUALITAIR PRINCE (7-11) beaten 5l in 3rd, COUNTY BROKER (8-13) another ½l away 4th, CORK STREET (9-2) further 2l back in 6th and MOORES METAL (8-4) 8th of 10 (8f, £3,077, soft, May 28). MOORES METAL (8-12) had earlier scored ¾l Newcastle victory over VINTAGE TOLL (8-8) (8f, £5,970, good, Apr 23, 13 ran). SUNOAK (10-0) 3l 3rd of 17 to QUALITAIR PRINCE (8-2) at Kempton (1m 2f, £2,070, good, May 7).

Selection: GOUVERNO.

4.20 CORONATION STAKES (Group 2: 3-y-o fillies: £28,455: 1m) (10)

401	1221-30	DESIRABLE (C) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 9-4	S Cauthen	9
402	10-0131	KATIES (D) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 9-4	P Robinson	3
403	1402-11	PEBBLES (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-4	L Piggott	5
405	410-00	LADY OF THE HOUSE (Lord Granard) K Prendergast (Ire) 9-0	W Carson	1
406	12d-221	LEIPZIG (D) (Snailwell Stud Co Ltd) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	2
407	311-11	L'ORANGERIE (D) (R Sangster) Mrs C Head (Fr) 9-0	F Head	7
409	32-2313	SHANES... (P Cummins) P Cummins (Ire) 9-0	J Mercer	6
410	424-420	SIGN-OF-LIFE (C Singer) M Cunningham (Ire) 9-0	R Carroll	8
411	312-13	SO FINE (D) (Sheikh Mohammed) D V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0	C Roche	4
412	0-01034	SPEEDY GIRL (D) (P Arnato) R Collet (Fr) 9-0	G Dubroeucq	10

1983: Fame Of Tara 9-0 D Gillespie (11-2) J Bolger (Ire) 6 ran.

3 So Fine, Pebbles, 4 Katies, Leipzig, 8 L'Orangerie, 12 Desirable, 16 others.

FORM: KATIES (9-0) won Irish 1000 Guineas with SO FINE (9-0) beaten ½l in 3rd, LADY OF THE HOUSE (9-0) another 1l back in 4th, DESIRABLE (9-0) neck away 6th and SIGN-OF-LIFE (9-0) 4l further back in 10th (Curragh, 8f, good to firm, May 26, 23 ran). PEBBLES (9-0) had DESIRABLE (9-0) over 3l back in 3rd when winning English 1000 Guineas (Newmarket, 8f, £87,009, good to firm, May 3, 15 ran). Previously PEBBLES (8-7) 1l Newmarket winner from LEIPZIG (8-5) away 7l Kempton winner from Fair Dominion (8-5) (8f, £7,556, good, June 2, 16 ran). L'ORANGERIE (9-1) beat Buminaza (8-12) 1l at Chantilly (8f, £9,076, good to soft, June 10, 7 ran).

Selection: LEIPZIG.

4.55 QUEEN'S VASE (Group 3: £15,856: 2m) (12)

501	120-041	HARLY (D) (N Shualb) J Dunlop 4-9-13	L Piggott	9
504	/1424-2	CASTLE RISING (The Queen) I Balding 4-9-3	S Cauthen	12

Fulke Johnson Houghton has engaged Willie Carson for the fancied Baynoun (4.55) in the Queen's Vase

5.30 BESSBOROUGH HANDICAP (£8,870: 1m 4f) (15)

Royal Ascot results

Going: Good to firm

(2.30) QUEEN ANNE STAKES (Group II: £28,890: 1m)

TROJAN FEN bc by Troy– Fanalle (S Niarchos) 3-8-5 ... L Piggott (9-4) 1

Welsh Idol gr c by Welsh Pageant– Idover (P Kelleway) 4-9-2 ... G Asmussen (40-1) 2

BEVERLEY

GOING: firm

Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best.

2.15 MIDDLETON SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £934: 5f) (7 runners)

2	14220	LIGHT DAWN (CD) (B Kenyon) J Berry 8-1	K Darley	3
3	400004	BOLDCOTT TIGER (T Leahy) Denys Smith 8-11	M Fry	4
4	0	FREE GO (W Steele) M H Easterby 8-11	K Hodgson	6
5	0	FREE PERCH (B) (Mrs S Lee) W Wharton 8-11	W Wharton	1
6	0	LOTTERY LUCK (R Spencer) M W Easterby 8-11	–	2
7		POKEYRAMA (A Smith) A Smith 8-11		

2.45 HOLDERNESS HANDICAP (£2,502: 5f) (9)

1	3d0301-	NEW EXPRESS (D) (Rashad Al Armali) G Huffer 5-10-0	M Rimmer	6
4	200004	FERRIBY HALL (CD) (B) (Mrs V Robson) A Smith 7-9-0	S Dorkin 7	5
5	00-0100	LOCHTILLUM (CD) (J D-Home) J Douglas-Home 5-8-12	I Johnson	8
7	30-1010	MANDRAKE BELLE (D) (Brian Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 5-8-11	R Curant	4
8	00-3000	WALTER-KOHRING (P Scott) M Ryan 3-8-5	A Bond	2
9	210-000	POKERFAYES (CD) (B) (T McKeon) B McMahon 5-8-3	G Duffield	3
10	032042	SPOILT FOR CHOICE (W Chapman) D Chapman 6-8-1	D Nicholls	1
12	1-00431	KING CHARLEMAGNE (CD) (Mrs I Ryles) Mrs G Reveley 5-7-11	A Shoults 7	9
13	0020-00	PORTO IRENE (Mrs P Tucker) W G Turner 4-7-7	–	7

1983: Lochtillum 4-8-4 I Johnson (7-1) J Douglas-Home 14 ran.

2 King Charlemagne, 5-2 Mandrake Belle, 4 Spoilt For Choice, 6 New Express, 8 Ferriby Hall, 12 Lochtillum, 16 others.

Beverley selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Light Dawn. 2.45 Lochtillum. 3.10 High Morale. 3.35 Hopeful Waters. 4.5 Smart Mart. 4.35 Water Girl. 5.5 Provideo.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.45 New Express. 3.10 High Morale. 3,55 Fozze. 4.5 Running Bull. 4.35 Water Girl. 5.5 Provideo.

3.10 HUNSLEY BEACON MAIDEN STAKES (£1,675: 1m 4f) (11)

1		PUTEH MUKA (Hillfields Farming) E Witts 7-9-0	C Dwyer	11
3	0000-	SPEEDO (Mrs J Duffus) W Wharton 5-9-0	W Wharton	5
7	02-00	AGAINST THE GRAIN (A Rudolf) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-7-13	G Duffield	8
12	000-0	FIGHTING TRACE (M O'Grady) S Norton 3-7-13	–	9
14	003-232	HIGH MORALE (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) J Winter 3-7-13	T Ives	1
16	00	KARUBA (R Brewis) J Fitzgerald 3-7-13	B Coogan	10
20		TABER (S Taberner) S Norton 3-7-13	–	2
21	000-	TUDOR SINGER (Mrs E Denness) M Ryan 3-7-13	A Bond	4
23		CARAVEL VOILE (C Wilcox) M Camacho 3-7-10	N Connorton	8
25	02330-4	DASHING LIGHT (G Moore) D Morley 3-7-10	C Nutter	7

3.35 GOATHLAND APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,069: 1m) (9)

4.5 DERWENT HANDICAP (£1,375: 7f) (9)

4.35 YORK AND AINSTY HANDICAP (£1,301: 1m 2f) (7)

5.5 SINNINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £1,758: 5f) (5)

Thirsk

GOLF

Zoeller may be forced to accept star status

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The Fuzzy Zoeller image may never be copied by the majority of the American robot golfers, but at east be temporarily injected a touch of frivolity into proceedings as he won the eighty-fourth United States Open.

Zoeller annihilated Greg Norman in the 18-hole play-off on the West course at Winged Foot Golf Club yesterday when he won by a record eight shots following an immaculate 67.

Yet as he attached this major championship win to his 1979 success in the US Masters, there was not only the artistry of his golf to admire but also his love of life. "I don't just want to be remembered as a good golfer," Zoeller said. "I also want people to think of me as a nice guy."

Zoeller values the true golfing spectators, without whom, he quiet rightly recognizes, there would be little future for the professional game. He says: "Arnold Palmer may not have been here this week, but I learnt very young in life that his kind of relationship with the crowd is very special for our game. You've got to give the guys out there watching what they want or very quickly we would be entertaining the trees and playing for $200 a week."

Zoeller's golf was on a different plane from that of Norman's, but between them they gave the spectators many magical moments to treasure in a United States Open which will not be easily forgotten.

As Norman approached the 18th green in the play-off, he took out white towel to wave in surrender. Only 24 hours earlier, Zoeller had



Sealed with a loving kiss: Zoeller and US Open trophy

done the same when the Australian holed a monster putt at the 18th.

In many respects it as an acknowledgment from Norman that the learning process is continuing, and there might yet be a victory for him in a major championship this year with the Open at St Andrews and the United States PGA championship still to come.

Moreover, as he looks back on his week at Winged Foot he will realise that he achieved a supreme act by equalling Zoeller's four under par total of 276, thus necessitating the play off.

For Zoeller did not pull any punches when he insisted: "I whipped Winged Foot this week. And so did Greg Norman. It just turned out that the course took its revenge on Greg and not me in the play-off."

Even so, Zoeller continues to prefer to be the kind of player who does not carry the trademark of a superstar but instead sneaks up and surprises the better-known players. He might find it difficult to hide from that kind of status now, as he will be caught up, like so many of the greats before him, in trying to complete his own little grand slam by winning the Open at St Andrews and the United States PGA championship.

"I've never been to St Andrews but I've read books about it and looked at pictures," he added. "But you can't eat pictures. My next job is to eat St Andrews."

BOXING

A toast to the great names

If the Canterbury pilgrims stopped at the Thomas A' Becket today, as they used to do in the olden times, even before the days of Jack Solomons and W. Barrington Dalby, they would hear a tale or two (Srikumar Sen writes). The famous London boxing pub, which has been refurbished at a cost of £150,000, now resembles a boxing museum that will revive many a memory.

An abundance of boxing mementos are on show, from Terry Spinks's vest to Charlie Magri's trunks. A Hall of Fame has been started and the first pictures above the bar are those of Ken Buchanan, Jack Petersen, Terry Downes, Maurice Hope and Henry Cooper.

HOCKEY

Soviet treat for Londoners

The Soviet Union, whose withdrawal from the Olympic Games enabled Britain to qualify, have accepted the Hockey Association's invitation to play against the Netherlands and England in the international tournament at Willesden Stadium on October 21. As there has been no response from Spain, it can be assumed that they are not coming.

Londoners will have the rare treat of seeing the Soviet team in action. They are ranked sixth in the world and were runners-up to the Netherlands in the European championship at Amsterdam last August, the Dutch having beaten them on penalty strokes after a 4—4 draw in the final.

Britain's prayer for financial help to send the men's hockey team to Los Angeles has partly been answered by Solana Sunbeds, who are donating a sun-tanning unit to raise team funds.

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I. E. GRAHAM
Registrar and Secretary.

AGENDUM

Annual Report by Vice-Chancellor and Warden

University Office,
Old Shire Hall,
Old Elvet,
Durham, DH1 3HP.
1 June, 1984.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity–Metropolitan Police District Charity – Grange Farm Centre.

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a SCHEME for this charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref. 288162-A1-LS) at 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AH. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity – Alice Adams Charity for the Poorest of the Rocks.

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 224562-A6-LS) at 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AH. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: The Flying Roll Charity National and Overseas.

The Charity Commissioners have made an ORDER appointing trustees of this charity. Copies can be obtained from them at 14 Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AH (ref: 268127-A1-L1).

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Something out of the common with strawberries and cream

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Wimbledon is known mainly as a home for the wombles and for tennis, and since the former keep their distance from society on the common, the Wimbledon championships at the All England Tennis Club in a few days' time focus attention on the area at present.

Tennis players do live in Wimbledon, but not perhaps in the numbers one might imagine. The English player, John Player, moved in last year, for example, but according to one agent there are probably as many racing drivers and football managers (he could think of at least one of each) as tennis stars there.

That may not be a bad thing, for with tennis as highly competitive as it is, the boundary disputes over party walls among the top-seeded residents might make the place more like the Centre Court than a quiet civilized place to live.

Wimbledon existed before the age of tennis, too. With a history dating back to prehistoric times, it welcomed – willingly or not – Julius Caesar, who had a camp on the common, and a settlement was shown on the Domesday map of 1086.

Later, in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, wealthy landowners and city businessmen began to build fine houses, which are now preserved and jealously guarded by the John Evelyn Society and the Northwest Wimbledon Residents' Association. In 1871 an Act of Parliament established the common as open space, giving the area a tract of countryside stretching as far as Richmond Park.

Tudor farmhouse

Wimbledon is nine miles from the centre of London, although to those driving to see the tennis it often appears somewhat further, and its common and village give it a distinctive identity. Properties overlooking the common or in the village also attract a premium on the price, particularly anything with character, according to Malcolm Albery, of Sturgis' Wimbledon office.

He says that the difference is marked for both flats and houses, and a property costing £36,000 in another part would fetch £45,000 in these admired areas, while one for £45,000 could be worth as much as £75,000. Sturgis has a small cottage, with a lounge and two bedrooms, on offer for £75,000, but it has bags of character. It has Tudor origins, timber beams, and it is situated in Crooked Billet, overlooking the common in an area known as Cromwell's half acre.

Near by, in the High Street, and probably built in the time of Oliver Cromwell, is Claremont House, a Grade II listed building, which with the adjoining Mercers Cottage, an original timber-framed Tudor farmhouse, is for sale through Sturgis. With an eighteenth-century portico, Claremont House has three reception rooms and eight bedrooms, with a 100ft back garden.

The first person known to have lived there was Thomas Hilliard, citizen and mercer of London, who retired to Wimbledon in 1650, and set up a charity of two shillings and sixpence a year to be given to poor and aged widows, and which lasted until the early nineteenth century. Mercers Cottage is attached to the main house, and self-contained although it is possible to reopen intercommunicating doors. The cottage has a living room and two bedrooms, and the two properties are for sale at about £380,000 – £320,000 for Claremont House and £60,000 for Mercers Cottage.

Tennis is the thing, though, and Sturgis is asking for offers of about £325,000 for an Edwardian detached house in Arthur Road – not far from the club – with a full-size tennis court for someone who wants to put in a bit of secret practice.

Townchoice is an agency formed in 1973 primarily to let and manage residential property in Wimbledon, and its tenants have included not only tennis players but staff from foreign banks, embassies and multinational companies. Last year it expanded into house sales, and it has found considerable demand for houses for rental or sale overlooking the All England Club.

Newstead Way is one such place, where Townschoice has a modern Georgian style four-bedroomed town house for sale at £139,000 and a similar property for rental at £866.66 a calendar month. Also overlooking the club (from slightly further away), in Welford Place, Wimbledon village, is what Townschoice describes as a very exotic bachelor pad, which is clearly suitable for the more successful tennis players. It has a swimming pool, sauna and private roof terrace, a master suite, guest suite and two reception rooms, and it costs £170,000.

To illustrate that Wimbledon is near both London and the country, Aylesford, of Wimbledon, is selling The Coach House, Somerset Road, Wimbledon Common, a country house with grounds of one acre and totally secluded. It was originally the coach house to Atherton Grange and was built in 1820, subsequently converted into an individual residence in the 1930s, and more recently modernized and refurbished.

Swimming pool

The Coach House has a swimming pool in the gardens and space for a tennis court, and its accommodation includes a double drawing room, dining room, study, master bedroom suite, four further bedrooms and separate guest or staff annexe. The asking price is £475,000.

Aylesford is also selling a large house in a small private estate in Burghley Road, Wimbledon Common, and asking for offers over £650,000. The house has three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and six or severn further bedrooms, and indoor swimming pool and a detached coach house with staff flat. The walled gardens include an all weather tennis court and stabling.

Wimbledon House, on Parkside, looking on to Wimbledon Common, is for sale at £695,000 through Mays of Wimbledon village. This splendid residence, built in 1907, has many unusual features including intricate Jacobean style plaster moulding to the ceilings copied from the Jacobean Long Gallery at Aston Hall, Birmingham. The main reception areas are panelled and there is a full-length stained glass window on the half landing. The house has four reception rooms and seven bedrooms.

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A splendid example of a nineteenth-century industrialist's house, set above the Ironbridge Gorge, is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley's Shrewsbury office, at about £150,000 for the whole property, which includes a coach house and lodge in 13.5 acres.

Stret Hill House, Coalbrookdale, built in 1897 in a classic style with some Victorian flourishes, has fittings from the nearby Gorge, including Coalbrookdale-cast central-heating radiators and 11 Coalbrookdale-cast fireplaces. The house has three main reception rooms and eight bedrooms.

City penthouse

Sir Spencer Le Merchant, former MP and government Whip, is selling his penthouse flat at Rivermill, Grosvenor Road, London SW1, near Vauxhall Bridge and overlooking the Thames. The penthouse, on the seventh and eighth floors of this modern block, has two "communicating" reception rooms with access to a 43ft private roof terrace, a master bedroom suite and three further bedrooms. The flat has views eastwards to the City and south to Crystal Palace. Joint sole agents are Howard Minter and Company and Savills; offers: about £275,000.

The tiny Burgh Island, off the south Devon coast at Bigbury, near Kingsbridge, whose visitors have included Noël Coward, Agatha Christie and the Beatles, is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley, who want more than £650,000. Once the property of George Chirgwin, the "White-eyed Kaffir", the island was acquired in about 1930 by Archibald Nettlefold of Guest Keen and Nettlefold, who developed the hotel, originally for the exclusive use of his business friends and associates.

Bloomsbury ghost

The Bloomsbury group did not always stay in Bloomsbury, and one of its retreats – Ham Spray House, near Marlborough, Wiltshire – is for sale. The Regency house, added on to an older flint and brick farm, was occupied from 1924 by Lytton Strachey, Dora Carrington and her husband, Ralph Partridge. After the deaths of Strachey and Carrington in 1932, Partridge and his wife, Frances Marshall, lived there until his death in 1960. The house has three reception rooms and six bedrooms. Guide price: £225,000 through John German's London and Ramsbury offices.

Melchbourne Park, near Bedford, North Bedfordshire, a Grade II listed mansion built in the 1620s, which is being converted into 10 luxury apartments.

Stately apartments

On the edge of Melchbourne village, in deep countryside not far from Bedford, Melchbourne Park, surrounded by 21 acres of land has dominated the scene since it was built in the 1620s.

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This new use for the mansion is another example of one of the ways in which large and listed buildings are enabled to survive, since the cost of repairing them for a private owner is becoming prohibitive.

The remains of the Jacobean house can be seen by the steep tiled roofs and many chimneys (48 in all), the long gallery – which will now be split up – and the original windows in the old kitchen.

In 1741 the mansion was "Georgianized" with the addition of bow windows, and an extension on the north end was added in about 1800. The St John family lived at Melchbourne until the nineteenth baron sold it in 1939 to a subsidiary of Bovril, after which, in 1941, it was requisitioned for the billeting of the American Air Force for the rest of the war. During that time Glen Miller is reputed to have given his last concert to the troops from a flat roof before his death.

When it was returned by the Air Ministry in 1952, Mr and Mrs Lawson Johnson restored the house, which was then merely a shell. Mr Hempson is taking the restoration a stage further. He bought the place because he very much wanted to live there but then was faced with making its future viable. Such little items as the fact that the weekly heating bill was £750 convinced him that it could no longer remain one house, and he obtained planning permission for the conversion.

Having restored the full-length windows on the ground floor that were replaced in the Victorian period, he set about the conversion, following the lines of the original house as far as possible and keeping the moulding and cornices.

Original doors, architraves and cornices are being retained where possible, and where alterations have been made to room sizes, doors, cornices and skirtings have been carefully matched to the originals.

Each of the self-contained apartments has views across the parkland, with a large lake just beyond the boundaries.

Mr Hempson is proceeding carefully, beginning with one side of the house and working his way through, and there is a range of attic rooms, totally unused, which could be incorporated into apartments on the second floor.

The flats range in price from £42,500 to £77,500; service charges are £300 to £1,000 depending on floor size. Sole agents for the development are Jackso-Stops and Staff in London and Northampton, and the first flat has gone to Mr Hempson.

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BIRTHS

BARING. – On 19th June at New York Hospital to Liz and John, a son, James Francis.

BRISTOW. – On June 16th, to Susan (née Fuller) and Michael, a daughter, Emma Jane Louise, a sister to Nicholas and James.

CHANNING-WILLIAMS – On Sunday June 17th to Annie and Simon – a son Dominic William.

COLDHAM on 18th June, at Farnborough hospital Kent, to Nicola (nee Teuten) and John – a son Charles William Edward.

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BIRTHDAYS

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DEATHS

NUTTALL – On June 16th 1984. Suddenly at home. Kit aged 52, beloved husband of Phil and much loved father of Robert, Toby, Kate, Elizabeth and Lofty. Cremation at Islington Crematorium, High Road, East Finchley N2, on Friday, June 22nd at 3.00pm. Family flowers only please. Enquiries Thomas Treacy, 4 Chadwell Street, EC1. 01-837 1776. Donations if desired to NSPCC.

ORR – On Sunday, 17th June, Professor John W. Orr, peacefully, aged 82. Cremation at Mortlake, Thursday, 21st June at 1pm.

PELHAM, Reverend Thomas, on June 15th at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, beloved husband, father and grandfather. A memorial service will be held in September.

PELHAM. – On June 17th, peacefully, Sir George Clinton Pelham, KBE, CMG, FRGS, aged 86 years. Beloved husband of Jeannie. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium on Friday, June 22nd, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Help the Aged, c/o Reynolds Funeral Directors, 27-31 High Street, Bognor Regis. Tel 0243 864745.

RACKSTRAW. – On June 16, George, adored husband of Nora and beloved father of George jnr and Charles. A very brave man. Service at Wickham Bishops Church, on June 22nd at 12 o'clock. Flowers to Richards, Witham, Essex, or donations to Cancer Research.

RANDALL.–Peacefully, at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, on June 16, 1984, Professor Sir John Randall, FRS, dear husband of Doris, father of Christopher, grandfather of John and Alistair and father-in-law of Daphne. Funeral private. No flowers or letters by request.

SOUTTER – On June 11, Alice Ada Gladys, widow of Charles Hope Soutter. Cremation 1.00 pm, Wednesday June 20, at Golders Green Cemetery. Enquiries and flowers to G. F. Cook Ltd., 88 Haverstock Hill, London.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUSINS, William Alfred Cousins late of 96 Queen Park, Codsall, Wolverhampton, West Midlands died at Wolverhampton on 8 April 1983. (Estate about £60,000).

HAINES, Louisa Emily Haines, spinster late of 90 Tanygroes Street, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan died There on 12th December 1983. (Estimate about £40,000).

PARDY nee Cooper, Elsie Winifred Pardy nee Cooper, widow late of 73 Whitehayes Road, Burton, Christchurch, Dorset died at Christchurch on 11th November 1982. (Estimate £22,000).

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SKORNIA, Martha Ida Skornia, spinster late of Heather Lodge, 2 Radnor Park West, Folkestone, Kent died at Ashford, Kent on 2nd July 1982. (Estimate about £12,500).

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.) Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries: Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins.

Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; television choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18; the new Top Twenty between 7.55 and 8.00; horoscopes at 8.33; ante-natal advice between 8.30 and 9.00.

Claire Rayner's Casebook. The last programme in the series and Claire Rayner talks to four people who appeared on the programme two years ago. A couple talk about their marriage; a mother about bringing up her children on her own; and a woman on how she overcame her shyness (r).

Ceefax. 10.05 Gharbar. A magazine programme for Asian women. This morning's programme includes a discussion on the importance of a family outing. 10.30 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas (r).

Cricket. Live coverage of one of the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals, introduced by Peter West. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jim Laker.

News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather details come from Michael Fish. 1.37 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.40 Gran (r). 1.45 Stop-Go (r).

Cricket and Royal Ascot. Coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final and three races – the Jersey Stakes (2.30); the Queen Mary Stakes (3.05); and the Royal Hunt Cup (3.45). 4.18 Regional news (not London).

Play School, presented by Sheelagh Gilbey. 4.40 Take Two. Sorry! and Wildtrack come under the junior microscope today. Ian Davidson, co-writer of Sorry! is the studio guest. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround.

Silas. Episode six of the adventure about a young circus boy. (Ceefax titles page 170).

Sixty Minutes with news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; weather at 5.54; regional magazines at 5.55; and news headlines at 6.38.

Terry and June go birdwatching at a lakeside wildlife park with next-door neighbours Tarquin and Melinda (r). (Ceefax titles page 170).

International Football. Live coverage from Paris of the match between West Germany and Spain for a place in the semi-finals of the European Championship. The commentator is John Motson with expert comment from Bobby Charlton. There is also a report on the game in Nantes between Portugal and Romania.

News.

The Bob Monkhouse Show with guests Bob Hope, Janet Brown and Rich Little (r).

The Sandringham Trials. The first of two programmes features three competitors of the four-in-hand event – The Duke of Edinburgh, Karen Bassett and Andy Mills.

News headlines.

Whicker's World. Alan Whicker looks back to some of the more memorable moments from his earlier series which include a tearful Robin Douglas Home talking about his divorce and the then Cassius Clay discussing Civil Rights (r).

Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by John Stapleton and Nick Owen. News from Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; the Greenes' dream cottage at 6.40; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.13; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; guest of the day, P. J. Proby, at 7.40; Marc Almond video at 7.55; star romance at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.34.

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9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: A lighthearted look at the problems of punctuation. 9.47 Consideration for others. 10.04 The Crown Jewels. 10.21 The use of poetry to fight injustice. 10.50 Physical and mental adjustments after having a baby. 11.10 A visit to a safari park. 11.22 Basic maths: pendulums. 11.40 Historical clues to be found on a market stall.

11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. Cartoon adventures of a flying fish bird. 12.00 Atarah's Music. The story of Clarence the clarinet. 12.10 Sounds Like a Story. Mark Wynter with the tale of The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse (r). 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 A Plus Revisited. Kay Avila chairs a studio discussion about sleepless children.

2.00 Take the High Road. Drama on the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch, where, today, the truth about Derek Conway is learnt. 2.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian-made soap opera.

4.00 Atarah's Music. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Dangermouse (r). 4.20 Andy Robson. The last episode of the serial about a young man in Northumberland (r). 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the Harington Scheme – a youth training workshop in Highgate funded by the Manpower Services Commission.

6.35 Crossroads. Why does David Hunter want to spend an evening alone with his wife?

7.00 Where There's Life . . . Miriam Stoppard's guest is agony aunt Irma Kurtz who believes that too much honesty in a marriage could be harmful (Oracle titles page 170).

7.30 Coronation Street. Linda Cheveski discovers that Bill Webster is buying her mother's house (Oracle titles page 170).

8.00 Mike Reid's Mates and Music. The first of a new series of variety shows presented by comedian Mike Reid. Among the guests are Helen Shapiro, Kenny Lynch and Harry Fowler.

9.00 Sorrell and Son. Episode three of the dramatisation of Warwick Deeping's novel and Stephen Sorrell's career prospers but not enough for his son's snobbish headmaster. With Richard Pascoe (Oracle titles page 170).

10.00 News followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Film: A Twist of Sand (1968) starring Richard Johnson. Sunken treasure adventure with Johnson playing the part of a smuggler who has fallen on hard times. Stranded in southern Spain without any money he accepts an offer from a Dutchman to help him find a hoard of diamonds on board the wreck of a galleon. Directed by Don Chaffey.

12.15 Night Thoughts from Joan Shenton.

Keith Barron, and Susan Hampshire (BBC2, 9.00pm)

● Crime? Matrimony? They're the same thing, says the receptionist to the two pairs of slightly confused clients waiting to see their solicitor for different reasons. Carla Lane is too shrewd a writer about the domestic battlefront (*Butterflies*, *Solo*, etc) to allow that kind of facile cynicism to infect the rest of the characters in her new comedy series LEAVING (BBC 2, 9.00pm). She is at her best, for instance, when she climaxes the row between the couple who have decided to end their marriage with the line: "It was all right arguing when we were happy, but its useless now that we're not." I have said this is a comedy, but as with all Miss Lane's works, there is an undercurrent of heartbreak in *Leaving*. Moments of intimacy, too, that are all but destroyed by idiotic laughter from a studio audience that has no right to

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be in other people's bedrooms at moments like these.

● NOBODY'S PROPERTY (BBC2, 9.30pm), a play by Carolyn Sally Jones, explores the theme of inter-dependence: no man is an island, and that sort of thing. It is not a strong play, but its message comes across loud and clear thanks in no small part to the fine performances from those two stalwarts of the small screen, Annette Crosbie and Colin Blakely, and from Lise-Ann McLaughlin, fulfilling the promise she showed in that unforgettable TV play about a surrogate mother *Katie – The Year of the Child*.

● BRASS TACKS: MAKING THE NEWS (BBC2, 8.10pm) awards the popular Press ten out of ten for effort (ie grim determination to get something, *anything*, into print), but only two out of ten for ethics (ie getting it right, or considering the feelings of the people involved). The "heavies" are largely ignored, except for a reminder that the *Daily Telegraph* was once accused of perpetrating 20 mistakes in the same article, and that *The Times* adopted what was considered to be a patronizing attitude towards the masses following a Buckingham Palace rebuke to the Press.

● Radio highlights: Giles Cooper's play BEFORE THE MONDAY (Radio 4, 3.00pm) which is very funny and slightly creepy and, therefore, wholly Cooper . . . and the Chilingirian String Quartet's recital that includes Beethoven's Quartet in C Op 59 No 3, with its haunting andante (Radio 3, 8.00pm).

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Buffon at Montbard. 6.30 Stronghold of the Gospel. 6.55 Modelling by Mathematics. 7.20 Visual Music. 7.45 Reluctant Militants. Ends at 8.10.

9.00 Ceefax.

10.00 Daytime on Two: You and Me. For the very young. 10.12 Ceefax. 11.00 A prize-winning dog. 11.17 Farming equipment, built in Britain and exported to Jamaica. 11.39 Statistics: Regression. 12.05 Excerpts from French-speaking television networks. 12.30 A documentary about older people in hospital.

12.55 Ceefax. 2.01 Bird nests. 2.18 By canal, railway and motorway across the Pennines. 2.40 With schoolchildren on their first Youth Hostel holiday.

3.00 Cricket and Royal Ascot. Coverage of one of today's Benson and Hedges Cup semifinal matches plus the Coronation Stakes at Ascot (4.20).

7.25 News summary with subtitles.

7.30 Health Farm. A Forty Minutes documentary featuring the inmates of Henlow Grange Health Farm where, they hope, they will shed pounds weight in exchange for pounds sterling over a seven day course (r).

8.10 Brass Tacks Reports: Making the News. David Henshaw reports from the offices of the Daily Star where he gains first-hand knowledge of the circulation war between the daily tabloids (see Choice).

9.00 Leaving. The first of a new series, written by Carla Lane, about a middle-aged couple who decide to leave one another, in an amicable fashion, when their marriage dies on them. But there are a number of unforeseen problems. With Keith Barron and Susan Hampshire (Ceefax titles page 270) (see Choice).

9.30 Play: Nobody's Property, by Carolyn Sally Jones. The story of an itinerant odd-job man, of one of his employees and of his granddaughter who has a disturbing effect on both of them (see Choice).

10.10 Ebony: Magazine programme for Britain's black communities. This evening, there is an item on black banks; poetry from Martin Glynn; and a spiritual from opera singer Jessye Norman.

10.40 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the main stories of the day.

11.25 Cricket. Highlights from one of today's Benson and Hedges cup semi-final matches, introduced by Peter West.

11.55 Royal Ascot. Highlights from the second day of the meeting introduced by Julian Wilson. The card included the valuable Royal Hunt Cup, run over a mile and the five furlong Queen Mary Stakes.

12.10 Open University: The Normal Distribution. 12.35 Brazil: Fuelling the Miracle. Ends at 1.05.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. The second quarter-final of the fast-moving words-and-numbers contest pits the number two seed, Sydney Price, a retired accountant from Coventry, against Christine Hunt from Towcester.

5.30 Bewitched*. Vintage American comedy series about a man with a witch-wife and a sorceress mother-in-law. Today, following a heated argument between Darrin and Samantha when Darrin was teaching Samantha to drive, it is decided to send Samantha to a driving school.

6.00 Passage to Britain. Part ten and the third and last in the section devoted to immigration from the Indian sub-continent deals with Bangladeshis. The programme follows a group of officers from the British High Commission in Bangladesh and examines how the High Commission carries out checks to prevent unentitled immigrants leaving for Britain. This has led to accusations in the past that the British are racially prejudiced, and the programme probes this accusation with Iman Ali, a Bangladeshi lawyer, a British spokesman for the High Commission and Charag Ali, a machinist who is trying to arrange for his wife to join him in this country.

6.30 Wheels, Wings and Water. David Wilkie and Sarah Temple-Smith are at Leicester Cycle Track to watch races with unusual names such as Dumys and Omniums; Sarah also reports from Charleroi on the Formula One aircraft race; and David talks to the captain of The Royalist, a square rigger built in 1971.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is filled by Ann Clwyd, Labour MP for Cynon Valley.

8.00 Brookside. Their mother's pregnancy casts gloom over the young members of the Grant family.

8.30 Diverse Reports. James Cooke, head of the CBI's Special Projects Unit, reports on how unemployment is being tackled at local level by a partnership of local businessmen, trade unions and local authorities, backed by the resources of big business.

9.00 Six Centuries of Verse. The eighth programme of the series covers the Restoration and Augustan periods – the golden ages of satire.

9.30 Film: The Cow* (1968). An Iranian-made film about an Iranian villager who owns the only cow and who goes mad with grief when the animal dies. Directed by Daryush Merhrjui.

11.30 Visions: The Cabinet of Jan Svankmajer. A tribute to the Czech animator by leading British animators of today – Keith Griffiths and the brothers Quay who work together as Atelier Koninck.

12.25 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.

6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.

6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves, with studio guests, including GLC leader Ken Livingstone.

10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' questions answered.

10.30 Morning Story: "Mother of the Bride" by Barbara Roberts. Read by Mary Wimbush.

10.45 Daily Service.

11.00 News; Travel: You the Jury. Current and controversial issues are put on trial. The motion: Parapsychology is a proper subject for scientific investigation. The proposer of the motion is Professor John Hasted. The opposer is Professor Eric Ash. The chairman is Geoffrey Robertson (r).†

11.48 Just Like You and Me. Johnny Morris looks back on 25 years of dealing with animals. (7) A Matter of Tolerance.

12.00 News; You and Yours.

12.27 Deep Six. Serial in six parts by John Fletcher (5) (r).† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes a comprehensive interview with the American film actress Caroll Baker who achieved fame with her sex role in the Hollywood movie Baby Doll. There is also the sixth instalment of Little Sister.

3.00 Afternoon Theatre: The Plays of Giles Cooper. Before the Monday. With Jo Kendall, Christopher Godwin, and Aubrey Woods. A delivery girl from the local florist's, arriving at a house with a bouquet, discovers a blood-stained knife and towel, and a locked sitting-room door.†

3.47 In the Family. Three programmes in which a notable ancestor is recalled by a notable descendent. (3) William Douglas-Home on Lady Jane Douglas (1698-1753).

4.00 News: File on 4. Roger Finnigan on the drugs menace in Britain (r).

4.40 Story Time: "Laughing Gas" by P. G. Wodehouse (last of 13 parts). The reader is David McAlister.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.

6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 My Music. A music panel game, with Steve Race as the question-master. Trying to answer the questions are John Amis and Frank Muir, and Ian Wallace and Denis Norden.†

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Checkpoint. A weekly investigation into the problems of listeners. With Roger Cook.

7.45 In Business with Peter Hobday.

8.15 Pride of the Parlour. Jeremy Siepmann casts an eye on the history of music-making in the home (6). A Foot in the Door or . . . How Supply Creates Demand.

8.45 Analysis. The Tito Heritage. A report by Chris Cvilc.

9.30 Brian Thompson's A-Z. Second of five talks by playwright Brian Thompson. Tonight: Memories of Cambridge.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment on Richard III, at the RSC, Stratford upon Avon; the exhibition Borso to Cesare d'Este 1450-1628, in Duke Street; and Richard Shickel's book D. W. Griffiths Birth of Film (Frederic Raphael and Kevin Brownlow are interviewed) and Simone de Beauvoir' Adieux: A Farewell to Satre.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Far Away and Long Ago" by W. H. Hudson (8) A Delight in Nature. Read by Ian Holm.

10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.

England: above except: 6.25-6.30 Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study On 4: Asian Links (5). 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Rome Engineering: The Work of Agrippa. 11.50 Truancy. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Multi-Cultural Resources from South Asia.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News.

7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Wagner's overture Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg; Loewe's Der Nock Hochzeitlied (Fischer-Dieskau/Demus); Stravinsky's suite The Soldier's Tale (Kremer/Leister); Debussy's Nuages: Fetes (Nocturnes).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Your Midweek Choice: part two. Weill's Kleine Dreigroschenmusik; Schumann's ABEGG Variations Op 1 (Claudio Arrau, piano); and Haydn's Symphony No 58.† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Milhaud. L'homme et son desir (Doerner/Marie-Jeanne Klein/Arand/Koster/Luxemburg Radio Orchestra); and the Symphony No 6.†

10.00 Smetana: Czech Philharmonic play the Triumphal Symphony. Sejna conducts.†

10.45 Poulenc: John York, piano, plays Les Soirees de Nazelles.

11.10 British Music: BBC Scottish SO, with Rosemary Elliot (flute) and Philip Hill (oboe). Elgar's overture Froissart: A. C. Mackenzie's Benedictus; Holst's Fugal Concerto; Butterworth's The Banks of Green Willow; and Tippett's Ritual Dances from the Midsummer Marriage.†

12.15 Concert Hall: Recital by Marilyn de Blick (mezzo) and Kelvin Grout (piano). Fauré's L'horizon chimerique; Schumann's Gedichte der Konigin Maria Stuart; and songs by Duparc, including L'invitation au voyage.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Miles Davis: Records made by the jazz trumpeter. First of three programmes.†

1.30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orchestra play music with children as the theme. Eric Coates's Miniature Suite; Elgar's Dream Children; Debussy's Children's Corner; David Lyon's Fantasia on a nursery song; and Fauré's Dolly Suite.†

2.30 Brahms: the Piano Quartet No 1, Op 25 (Pauk/Imai/Kirshbaum/Frankl). †

3.15 Shostakovich: Moscow Radio SO play the Symphony No 15.

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Bristol Cathedral – live. Organist and master of the choristers is Malcolm Archer † 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Roger Nichols's selection is devoted to religious themes explored by, among others, Rossini, Billie Holiday and Stravinsky.†

6.30 John McCormack: John Steane with the second of three programmes devoted to the Irish tenor. Tonight: Over Land and the Sea.

7.15 The Cosmic Creation: Paul Davies, Professor of Theoretical Physics at Newcastle University reviews current theories about the evolution of the early universe and how the cosmic arrangement of galaxies may have been forged in the first instant of creation.

8.00 Chilingirian String Quartet: Recital. Part one. Mozart's Quartet in D, 575; and Bartok's Quartet No 5.†

9.00 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. The presenter is Ian McDougall.

9.20 Chilingirian Quartet: Recital, part two. Beethoven's Quartet in C, Op 59 No 3.†

9.55 An English Landscape: Stephen Wilkinson conducts the BBC Philharmonic and women's voices of the BBC Northern Singers, with Neil Jenkins (tenor). We hear Holst's. Seven part-songs, Op 44 (with soprano Delia Fletcher), Bridge's Lament, Julius Harrison's The Blessed Damozel; Warlock's Serenade: and David Cox's The Summer's Nightingale.†

11.15 News. Until 11.18

VHF only Open University: 6.35-6.55 am Open Forum: Students' Magazine 11.20-11.40 pm Education for Adults: Paulo Freire.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm) Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headlines: 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (mf/mw). 4.00am Colin Berry.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan† incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Ken Bruce† incl. 1.05; 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.05 Gloria Hunniford† including Racing from Ascot: 2.30 Jersey Stakes. 3.05 Queen Mary Stakes. 3.45 Royal Hunt Cup. 3.02; 4.02 Sport. 4.05 David Hamilton† incl. 4.20 Racing from Ascot: Coronation Stakes. 5.05 Sports Desk. 7.30 John Dunn† (mf and vhf). 8.00 Cast, in order of disappearance. Six-part thriller series starring Francis Matthews and Fiona Hendley. 6: King Ray. 8.30 BBC Radio Orchestra.† 9.15 Syd Lawrence in concert from the Playhouse Theatre, Manchester.† 9.55 Sport. 10.00 The Golden Years, with Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) 1.00pm Patrick Lunt presents Nightride † 3.00 The Mike Sammes Singers.† 3.30-4.00 Cynthia Glover Sings.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00am Bruno Brookes. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies, including 12.30 Newsbeat 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Janice Long, including 5.30 Newsbeat 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 6.00pm John Dunn (mf from 7.30) 8.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2

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6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Omnibus 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 That's Trad. 7.45 Report on Religion 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 The Alternative Proms. 10.15 Patrick Martyn's Music Box. 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 World Service Short Story 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Zoos of Europe 1.45 Beecham's Delius 2.15 Report on Religion 2.30 Middlemarch. 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Counterpoint. 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.30 Assignment 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 World Service Short Story 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Kenneth Matthews Contemplates 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News, 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Waveguide. 12.40 Book Choice. 12.45 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again. 1.15 Outlook 1.45 Monitor 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 3.30 The Alternative Proms 4.45 Financial News 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales: 1.37pm-1.40 News of Wales Headlines. 4.18-4.20 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 11.55 News and weather. Scotland: 1.35pm-1.40 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 11.55 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 1.37pm-1.40 Northern Ireland News. 4.18-4.20 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 6.40-7.10 It Only Seems Like Yesterday. 11.55 News and weather. England: 5.55pm Regional news magazines. 12.00 midnight Close.

S4C Starts: 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Interval. 3.20 Years Ahead. 4.05 What It's Worth. 4.30 Countdown. 5.00 Pictiwrs Bach. 5.05 Smyrffs. 5.35 Kellogg's BMX Championship. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Jeopardy. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bara Brith. 8.00 Deg Potel Werdd. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Angel City. 10.45 Diverse Reports. 11.15 Liners. 11.45 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Devlin Connection. 3.00-3.30 Take the High Road. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.30am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Glenroe. 2.30 Gambit. 3.00-3.30 At Ease. 5.15-5.45 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.15am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where The Jobs Are. 2.30-3.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 5.15-5.45 Madabout. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.15am River Tees Festival. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30-2.00 Exchange Flags. 2.30 Devlin Connection. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 This is Your Life. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.20am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.15am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 5.15-5.45 Protectors. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.15am News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 12.30am News, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.15am Village and the Vow, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters. 3.30-4.00 Adventurer. 5.10 Action Line. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Database. 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Lincolnshire Show. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.15am Closedown.

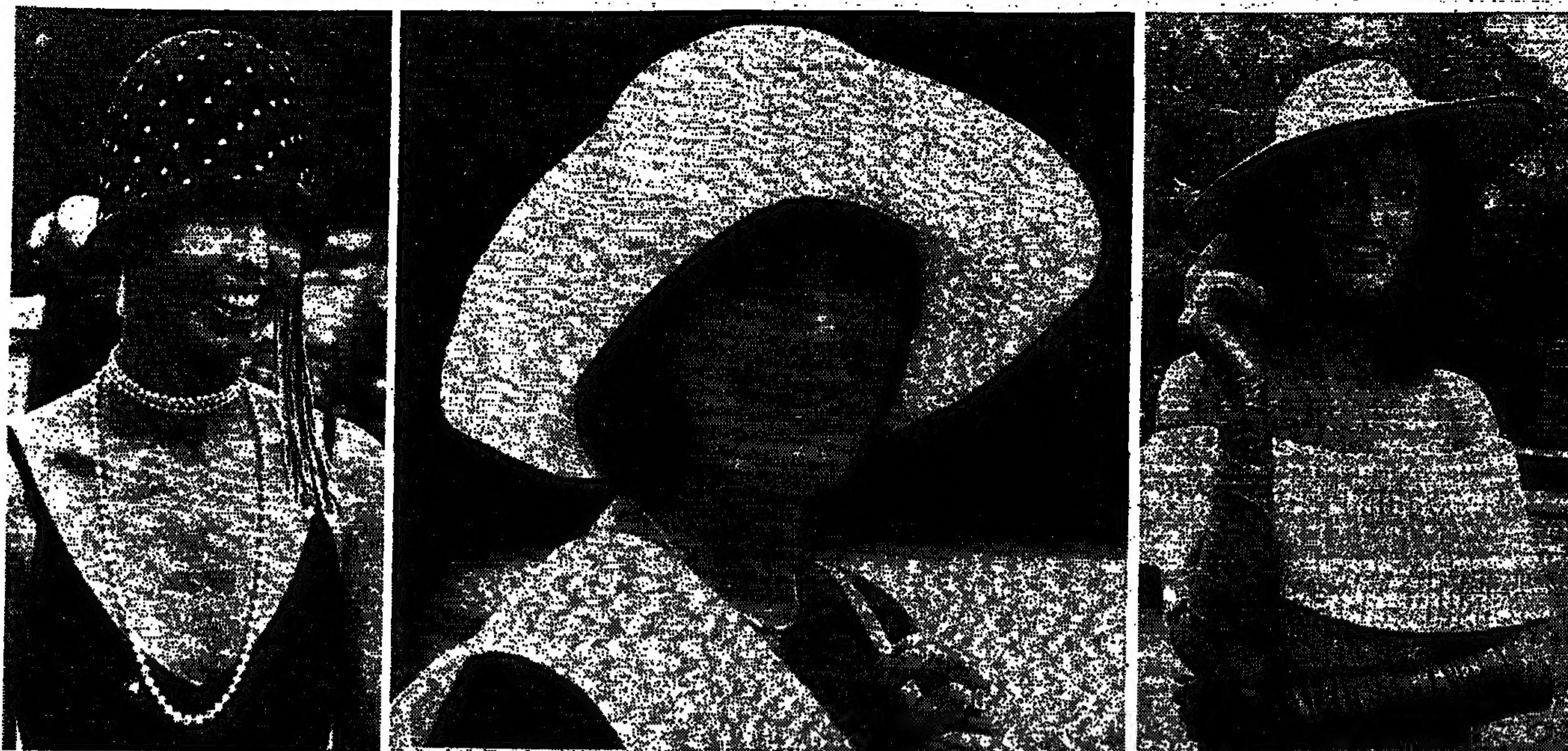
CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Joe 90. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 12.15am Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Database. 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.30 Return of the Saint. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat.



Head winners: Three styles of hats for the fashionable women of Royal Ascot. Photographs: John Manning

Separated by apartheid for 20 years

By Richard Dowden

Twenty years ago on June 22, Mrs Norma Kitson returned from work as usual to her home in a Johannesburg suburb and her husband and two small children.

"I walked in to find plain-clothes police all over the house. Dave was in the bedroom with two security men. He tried to comfort me before they took him away. He made out a note giving me power of attorney. They wouldn't tell me where they were taking him."

At his trial later that year David Kitson was sentenced to 20 years in prison for sabotage and crimes against the state. He pleaded not guilty. Most of the trial was in camera but he admitted to being a member of the technical high command of Umkonto we sizwe, the military wing of the African National Congress.

Today Mrs Kitson will be meeting her husband for the first time outside custody since his arrest.

Not only has Mrs Kitson been forcibly separated from her husband throughout middle life, but she was also imprisoned, her son was detained, the family driven into exile, and her sister and a close friend murdered.

"What has happened to me is commonplace in South Africa," she said dismissively, but anguish and rage frequently boil over as she relates her stark tale.

Two years after Mr Kitson was jailed they divorced by mutual agreement. Although she remarried it didn't last and she never considered abandoning Mr Kitson, continuing to write to him at every opportunity.

She and her children, Steven aged 27, and Amandla (the word means 'power' in Zulu), have campaigned ceaselessly for his release. For 86 days in 1982 they mounted a picket night and day outside the South African Embassy to demand that Kitson was moved to a healthier prison environment when he was suffering from severe bronchial illness.

It has not simply been her commitment to David Kitson which has kept her going. Although from a rich Durban family when they met and married in London in 1956, she was already burning with hatred for the apartheid system and was a member of the South African Communist Party.

In his speech from the dock Kitson said that it was the only organization which stood for equality of opportunity in South Africa. He said that after the Sharpville massacre when 69 black demonstrators were shot dead by police, "I could have run or stand. So I stood. . .I do not see how I could have done otherwise."



Mrs Kitson: Heathrow reunion today

"After he'd been taken away I spend days trying to find him," Mrs Kitson said. "One night I got an anonymous telephone call saying he had been tortured.

"When I got to the interrogation centre the man told me I wanted the sixth floor. I opened the first door and there was a black man sitting on a desk covered in blood. Policemen were standing around the room. They pushed me out. I found Dave in a room at the end of the corridor. He looked very white. They grabbed me and dragged me out shouting."

A few days later she was arrested and kept in solitary confinement for 28 days. It was a worse torture than being beaten. "I didn't think I would survive the 29th day but I never made a statement."

She stayed on in South Africa for two years but Steven was bullied at school because his father was a political prisoner and the family was constantly harassed by police, so she decided to come to Britain.

After a visit to Kitson in 1972 she was again arrested and questioned. The police threatened her with a gun and threatened to kill her children.

In 1982 Steven was detained. He was kept standing for 24 hours, questioned and held for six days. Hours after his release Mrs Kitson's sister Joan Weinberg was found murdered. No one has ever been charged.

Last year the news of Kitson's release was telephoned by a close friend of the family, and a few days later his wife was found murdered. No one has been charged.

Thatcher unyielding on Orgreave mob

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impose the will of one faction of the NUM on the rest."

Later, in response to an emergency question from Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, Mr Brittan insisted that ministers would not stand in the way if British Steel decided to seek injunctions against secondary picketing.

As the political battle raged, police and the miners' leaders exchanged charge and counter charge over Monday's clashes at Orgreave in which 79 people were injured and 93 men arrested, 24 of whom were charged with rioting.

Mr Wright, pledging that his men would remain in force at the coking plant near Sheffield as long as they were needed, denied that police used excessive force to disperse 10,000 miners and their supporters in what had been a riot. He accused Mr Scargill and the NUM of being "obsessed" with stopping coke leaving Orgreave

Mr Wright's comments came after Mr Scargill's release from a Rotherham hospital where he had been treated for a head injury he insisted had been inflicted by a policeman wielding a riot shield, an allegation disputed by police officers who maintained that he had 'fallen down and banged his head.

Responding to Mr Scargill's allegation of blind hatred Mr Wright said: "We are in a mining community. We are policing a mining community and our concern for them is sincere."

Referring to a report by Mr Tony Clement, assistant chief constable, that the police would carry out their own inquiry into an incident on television in which a policeman stuck a miner several times over the head with a truncheon, he said that officers could draw their truncheons and use them only in self-defence and then they were to aim for the arm or leg. That was a clear direction. He did not think that what had apparently happened in that incident was right.

● Molten metal broke through the walls of one of the blast furnaces at the British Steel Corporation's Scunthorpe works yesterday. The furnace has been damped down for about 10 weeks because of fuel shortages, and could be out of action for about three weeks

Test of Scargill, page 2

Letter from Moscow

Rumours run rife in Kremlin's vacuum

The rumour surfaced barely an hour after President Chernenko had made the opening address at the Comecon summit on Tuesday of last week. Halfway through his speech, the whisper went, the 72-year-old leader had collapsed and had to be taken out of the room.

It was totally untrue, and Moscow television later that evening showed Mr Chernenko looking his usual self as he walked into the conference room at the Kremlin, stiff and slow but still ruddy faced and smiling.

The rumour, it later turned out, had started with a frivolous remark by a West European journalist. Within minutes the remark had been spread, distorted, and ultimately taken so seriously that correspondents and diplomats were telephoning contacts to investigate what had really happened at the summit. Eventually the rumour reached the West, and news agencies in Moscow found themselves being asked by their editors in London and New York to "check it out".

Rumours are rife in Moscow largely because of the information vacuum created by the Kremlin. The Western tactic is to fend off inquisitive newsmen with briefings, communiqués and titbits of information, coupled at the recent London summit with quantities of food and drink.

In Moscow, by contrast, the Western press was given almost no information at all about the Comecon summit last week, and there were certainly no refreshments. Officials answered questions on the Tuesday, but most of the answers consisted of the phrase "You will be informed at the appropriate time." No speeches were released until Thursday.

In recent years the authorities have adopted a more sophisticated information policy, holding press conferences on subjects from Soviet Jews to nuclear missiles. Questions are now taken from the floor, an innovation initially resisted by officials more used to written questions channelled safely through a chairman.

On the other hand, information remains hard to come by on matters the Kremlin considers "sensitive", which covers subjects such as internal Kremlin debates on policy or the health of Soviet leaders.

Senior officials, including Mr Leonid Zamyatin, who heads the Central Committee International Information Department, insisted right up to the day of President Andropov's death that he merely had a cold and was recovering. Similarly Mr Zamyatin and others have assured western reporters that Dr Sakharov, the dissident physicist and human rights activist, is alive and well, or at least "all right", after his hunger strike. But they refuse to say where he is or to provide proof.

The Soviet attitude to information was defined by Lenin, who regarded the press as an instrument of state policy and propaganda. To some extent the exposure of Soviet officialdom to western questioning has made the Kremlin more responsive to foreign press methods, with veterans such as Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, and the Chief of Staff, Marshal Ogarkov, well able to deal with awkward questions.

But the authorities still tend to take the view: "Those who need to know already know, and those who do not know have no business asking."

Not surprisingly rumours proliferate to fill the gap, and sometimes linger to take on the status of semi-fact even when disproved. Dr Sakharov has been reported dead, first by Italian sources and then by a London paper. Last year there were rumours of a military coup in the Kremlin when Mr Andropov failed to appear in public and Marshal Ustinov, the Defence Minister, cut short a visit to Hungary and hurried back to Moscow.

Not long afterwards there was a powerful rumour, which still occasionally surfaces here, that Mr Andropov was shot in his Kremlin study, either by an unknown woman assailant or by Mrs Scholokhov, wife of the disgraced Interior Minister. The rumour gained credibility when *Izvestiya* published an article on the attempt on Lenin's life by a woman terrorist in 1918, and took off into the stratosphere when a British paper reported – from London, not Moscow – that Andropov had been shot not by an angry lady, but by Yuri Brezhnev, son of the former leader.

Western correspondents in Moscow, trying to sift the probable from the improbable and the improbable from the absurd, are not given much help by the Kremlin in countering the rumour mill.

Richard Owen

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, of the Royal Signals, visited the Junior Royal Signals, Ousten, Northumberland, 11.

The Duchess of Gloucester opens homes for the elderly at Gloucester Court, Petersfield, 10.42; and later opens the Wessex Body Scanner Unit at Southampton General Hospital, 12.

Prince Michael of Kent visits the Army Equipment Exhibition at Aldershot, 11.

New exhibitions

Colouring Metals; City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 10 to 5; (ends July 28).

Paintings by Alex Donnelly; Rozelle House, Rozelle Park, Ayre; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends July 25).

An Artist in School; E. M. Flint Gallery, Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Walsall; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4.45; (ends July 17).

Nuclear War Project by John Kimpton; Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyd Street, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Thurs 9 to 8, (ends July 6).

Prints by Manet; Oldham Art Gallery, Union Street, Oldham; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Tues 10 to 1, Sat 10 to 4, (ends July 7).

Paintings by Neil Stewart, Netherbow Arts Centre, 43 High Street, Edinburgh; Tues to Sat 10 to 4, (ends June 30).

Paintings, drawings and ceramics by young people of Ayrshire; Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5: (ends July 23).

Julia Margaret Cameron; City Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends July 22).

Oil paintings by Marcia Andrews; Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5; (ends June 29).

Music

Recital by the David Heyes Trio; Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster, 1.

Piano recital by Michael Kent; St John's Church, Chester, 1.

Concert by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra; St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, 8.

Organ recital by Gillian Weir; St Mary of Southwell, Southwell Minster, Notts, 7.30.

Organ recital by Robert Crowley, The Priory Church, Leominster, 7.45.

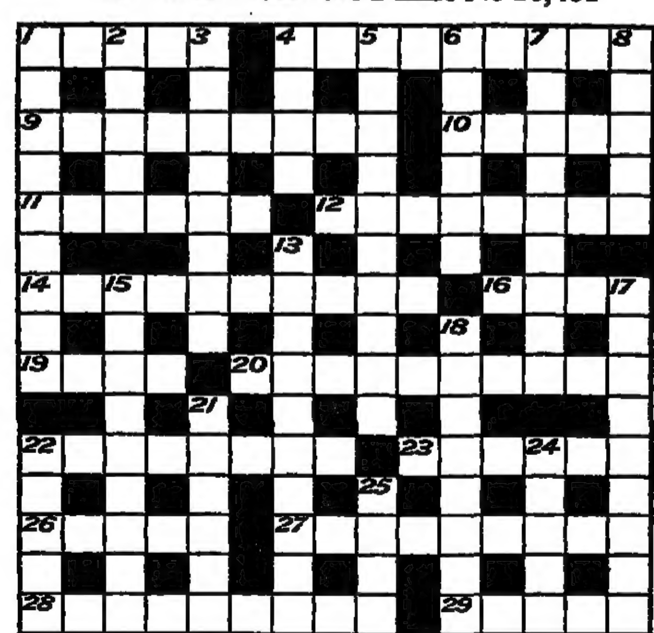
Concert by the Peterborough String Orchestra, Peterborough Cathedral, 7.30.

Recital by the choir of Sexey's School, St Leonard's Church, Pitcombe, Somerset, 7.30.

General

Celebration of English Gardens, by the Bicton College of Agriculture and the Tiverton Flower Club; Knightshayes Court, Bolham, Nr Tiverton, 10, to 6.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,461



ACROSS

1 Birdseed has sex appeal (5).
4 Boy and helper falling out – that's an exaggeration (9).
9 Politician pleased at putting on weight (9).
10 He wears a crown of greater size (5).
11 Like the jump of a salmon, say, or like a kipper? (6).
12 The foundation of Babylon, 11B.C., all written about in scripture (8).
14 During all, or most of the sketch (10).
16 Call round (4).
19 Foreigner with some pull (4).
20 For splendour, I'll take Havergal round to church (10).
22 A defector, a senior rating, say (8).
23 Coming out second, worsted in a reversal (6).
26 Some boy scouts are too French about love (5).
27 Caning scholars can lead to trouble (9).
28 In musical instruments, tastes can vary (9).
29 In some degree, know a foreign language (5).

DOWN

1 Show father some support when 'e's inside (9).
2 Greyish sort of green on both sides (5).
3 Elegant set out of order – external fault, perhaps? (8).
4 Bear up 16 (4).
5 Before vicar comes in, how should he behave? (10).
6 For a pleasurable walk, it's right to go at an easy pace (6).
7 A contrary argument I take on purpose first (9).
8 Join up – the king's in solitary confinement! (5).
13 A real bitch strangely generous (10).
15 Managed business, or put up with us showing spite (9).
17 Construction lacking any firm foundation (9).
18 Issue notes in duplicate with this pen (4,4).
21 Perfect place for opera within limits (6).
22 Story that's 29 (5).
24 Times editorial starts off "Exterminate" (5).
25 Flower is double (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,460

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Accidental Times, a selection of bizarre and amusing Victorian accidents from *The Times*, compiled by Jane Lambert (Allen & Unwin, £7.95)
Cyprus, by Christopher Hitchens (Quartet, £8.95)
Dante's Paradiso, translated with notes and commentary by Mark Musa (Indiana University, £12.95)
Freedom and Morality, and other essays, by A. J. Ayer (Oxford, £15)
Hayek on Liberty, by John Gray (Blackwell, £9.50)
Return to Tibet, by Heinrich Harrer (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.95)
Samuel Johnson, by Donald Greene, new series of The Oxford Authors, edited by Frank Kermode (Oxford, £15); this week's other titles John Clare, Thomas Hardy, Jonathan Swift, and William Wordsworth.
The Common Years, by Jilly Cooper (Methuen, £8.50)
The Future of Work, by Charles Handy (Blackwell, £16.50)
The Victorian Clergy, by Alan Haig (Croom Helm, £9.95)

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Anniversaries

Births: Jacques Offenbach, Cologne, 1819; Medardo Rosso, sculptor, Turin, 1858. William IV, reigned 1830 – 37 died in London, 1837.

Today is the Feast of Saint Alban. He was a pagan soldier who was converted by a priest who he helped to escape from persecution. Alban was executed in place of the priest and buried at Verulamium where a church was built and around which grew the town of St Albans.

Pollen forecast

	Pollen count	Peak times
Aberdeen	low	3 to 6 pm
Basildon	med	3 to 6 pm*
Bath	med	9 am to noon
Belfast	low	noon to 3 pm
Bradford	low	9 am to noon
Brighton	low	9 am to noon
Carlisle	–	–
Darlington	low	–
Dudley	low	9 am to noon
Edinburgh	high	3 to 6 pm*
Exeter	med	9 am to noon
Glasgow	med	6 to 7 pm*
Hull	low	9 am to noon
IoW	high	noon to 3 pm
Leeds	low	9 am to noon
Lincoln	low	noon to 3 pm
London	low	9 am to noon
Maidstone	low	6 am to 9 am
Norwich	low	9 am to noon
Preston	low	noon to 3 pm
Reading	–	–
Rotherham	low	9 am to noon
Runcorn	low	noon to 3 pm
Salford	low	noon to 3 pm
Southampton	med	noon to 3 pm
Swansea	low	9 am to noon
Tewkesbury	low	9 am to noon
Warwick	low	9 am to noon

* except during rain

Issued by National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau.

Chemical sprays

The National Vegetable Research Station at Wellesbourne, off the A429 from Warwick, is holding an open day on Saturday June 23 from 10 to 6.30. Visitors can see how scientists are breeding for resistance to pests and diseases, thus reducing reliance on chemical sprays; new transplanting techniques, and many other aspects of their work.

Le Havre strike

Traffic delays are expected at Le Havre today as dock workers begin a 24-hour strike.

Iberia flights

Passengers travelling to Europe on Iberia airlines could face delays because of industrial action by staff. Passengers will be contacted by Iberia and accommodated on other services. Further information from Prestel, page no: 341.

Parliament

Commons (2.30): Roads (Scotland) Bill, progress on remaining stages.

Lords (2.30): Debates on the arts; adult education; and on the New Ireland Forum.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.61	1.54
Austria Sch	27.80	26.20
Belgium Fr	80.75	76.75
Canada $	1.84	1.77
Denmark Kr	14.39	13.69
Finland Mkk	8.36	7.91
France Fr	11.98	11.48
Germany DM	3.92	3.73
Greece Dr	157.00	148.00
Hongkong $	11.15	10.55
Ireland Pt.	1.28	1.22
Italy Lira	2410.00	2310.00
Japan Yen	335.00	319.00
Netherlands Gld	4.42	4.20
Norway Kr	11.17	10.62
Portugal Esc	198.00	190.00
South Africa Rd	2.16	2.02
Spain Pta	217.00	206.00
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.10
USA $	1.422	1.372
Yugoslavia Dnr	186.00	176.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 351.0

London: The *FT* Index closed up 11.0 at 832.2.

Roads

London and South-east: A321: Expect delays at Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham. A214: Carriageway width restricted between Ambleside Ave and Streatham High Rd.

The Midlands: M5: Droitwich: the emergency telephones will be out of order between 10.00am and 12.00 noon today in the area of Rashwood (junction 5), motorists should remain in their vehicle and await the arrival of a police patrol. M1: Contraflow at junction 22 (Ashby). A449: Roadworks between Worcester and Malvern at Powick roundabout.

Wales and West: A55: Contraflow on Llanddulais bypass. A470: Delays on North End flyover, S. Glamorgan. M5: Contraflow on northbound carriageway between junction 12 (Gloucester/A38) and junction 14 (Dursley/Thornbury); southbound entry slip road closed at junction 13 (Stroud). Diversion.

The North: A66: Roadworks E of Bowes between North Bitts and Greta Bridge, county Durham. A50/A556: Extra traffic on the A50 and A556 because of Cheshire Show.

Scotland: A867: Delays between Ross and Cromarty, near Cluanie. A697: Spur section betwen main A697 and A68 junction S of Lauder. Closed, diversions.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Star says that there should be an inquiry into the behaviour of the pickets and the extent to which Mr Arthur Scargill's presence at Orgreave incites them. It adds: "Arthur Scargill is a lucky man. His sore head will get better in a few days. The wounds inflicted by this ill-fated industrial campaign on his men, his union, his industry and his country will take a lot longer to heal."

The Daily Mirror says that the violence at Orgreave is not helping the miners. It adds: "But if this strike must be long it should be lawful. The uglier it is the longer it will be, and the more certain will defeat be at the end of it. Public opinion may yet force Mrs Thatcher to retreat and seek a solution rather than a victory. But not while it is inflamed by nightly violence on TV."

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure over S Britain will decline as troughs of low pressure move SE over all areas.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, Channel Islands, E Anglia: dry with sunny periods, thundery showers later, wind variable light, max temp 27C (81F).

E, W Midlands, E, SW, central N England, S Wales: dry with sunny periods, thundery showers developing, wind variable light, max temp 24C (75F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District: mostly dry at first, then showery outbreaks of rain, wind variable light, max temp 19C (66F).

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Northern Ireland: rather cloudy, rain at times, some thundery, also bright intervals, wind W or SW light or moderate, max temp 18C (64F).

NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: rather cloudy, rain spreading from NW, clearer later, wind SW becoming W moderate or fresh, max temp 15C (59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: rather unsettled with outbreaks of rain, some thundery, also sunny periods, very warm in the SE at first.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel: wind mainly light variable, fair but showers, visibility moderate with fog patches, sea mainly smooth. Irish Sea: wind variable, becoming W light or moderate, occasional rain, visibility moderate with fog patches, sea smooth, becoming slight.

Sun rises: 4.43 am Sun sets: 9.21 pm
Moon rises: 1.12 am Moon sets: 11.41 am
Last quarter: tomorrow

Lighting-up time

London 9.51 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.33 pm to 3.56 am
Manchester 10.12 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.06 pm to 4.42 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	20	68	Guernsey	s	24	75
Birmingham	s	25	77	Inverness	f	18	64
Blackpool	c	18	64	Jersey	s	25	77
Bristol	c	25	77	London	c	24	75
Cardiff	s	25	77	Manchester	f	25	77
Edinburgh	s	20	68	Newcastle	s	23	73
Glasgow	f	18	64	Ronaldsway	c	20	68

London

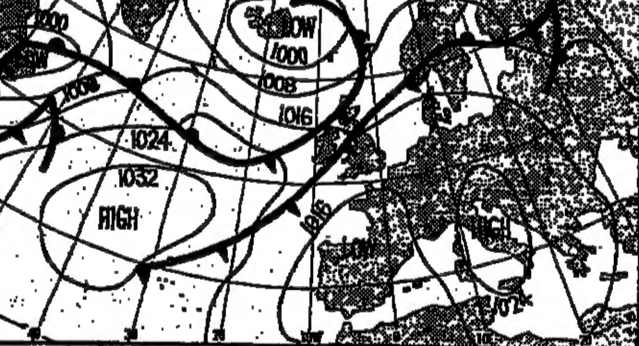
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 18C (64F). Humidity: 6 pm, 63 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 2.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,025.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Cardiff, 28C (82F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.28in.; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 15.3hr.

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NOON TODAY

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.06	6.3	7.10	6.0
Aberdeen	6.20	3.6	7.22	3.3
Avonmouth			12.16	10.9
Belfast	4.21	3.2	5.03	2.9
Cardiff			12.01	9.5
Devonport	10.53	4.4	11.06	4.6
Dover	4.14	5.5	4.34	5.7
Falmouth	10.23	4.2	10.35	4.4
Glasgow	5.52	4.4	6.23	4.0
Harwich	5.08	3.4	5.15	3.5
Holyhead	3.28	4.8	4.08	4.3
Hull	11.26	6.3		
Ilfracombe	11.13	7.1	11.41	7.2
Leith	7.55	4.6	8.28	4.4
Liverpool	4.18	8.0	4.48	7.5
Lowestoft	3.02	2.0	1.57	2.3
Margate	5.17	4.1	5.19	4.1
Milford Haven	11.30	5.4	11.57	5.6
Newquay	10.26	5.5	10.54	5.7
Oban	10.54	2.9	11.53	3.1
Penzance	10.04	4.4	10.18	4.6
Portland	11.56	1.3		
Portsmouth	4.22	4.0	5.11	4.1
Shoreham	4.07	5.1	4.45	5.2
Southampton	4.0	3.7	4.51	3.7
Swansea	11.35	7.5		
Tees	8.59	4.6	9.48	4.2
Walton-on-Naze	4.57	3.6	4.59	3.6

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	9.2	–	27	81	Sunny	Guernsey	15.3	–	23	73	Sunny
Bridlington	10.7	–	22	72	Sunny	Scilly Isles	13.7	–	23	73	Sunny
Cromer	8.4	–	24	75	Sunny	Newquay	14.3	–	25	77	Sunny
Lowestoft	8.1	–	22	72	Sunny	Ilfracombe	11.0	–	21	70	Sunny
Clacton	6.8	–	19	66	Sunny	Tenby	4.3	–	25	77	Sunny
Margate	13.8	–	20	68	Sunny	Southport	8.2	–	22	72	Cloudy
Folkestone	12.5	–	22	75	Sunny	Morecambe	5.2	–	20	68	Bright
Hastings	13.5	–	23	73	Sunny	Douglas	6.9	–	21	70	Bright
Eastbourne	12.1	–	22	72	Sunny	London (Cntr)	2.3	–	25	77	Bright
Brighton	–	–	23	73	Sunny	B'ham (Airpt)	8.3	–	26	79	Sunny
Worthing	13.0	–	22	72	Sunny	Bristol (Ctr)	9.4	–	27	81	Sunny am
Littlehampton	13.0	–	24	75	Sunny	Cardiff (Ctr)	8.6	–	26	79	Sunny
Bognor R	13.0	–	21	70	Sunny	Anglesey	8.3	–	22	72	Sunny pm
Southsea	13.3	–	23	73	Sunny	B'pool (Airpt)	4.8	–	19	66	Bright
Shanklin	12.9	–	24	75	Sunny	Manchester	12.8	–	27	81	Sunny
Bournemouth	12.2	–	23	73	Sunny	Nottingham	9.9	–	27	81	Sunny
Poole	12.4	–	25	77	Sunny	N'cstl-e-Tyne	9.9	–	24	75	Sunny
Swanage	12.5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Weymouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Torquay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falmouth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Penzance	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloudy; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sunny; th, thunder.

		C	F
Ajaccio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Akrotiri	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alexandria	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algiers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Athens	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bahrain	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barbados	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barcelona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beirut	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Belgrade	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Berlin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bermuda	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Biarritz	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boulogne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bordeaux	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budapest	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Buen Aires	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cairo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cape Tn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C'blanca	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cologne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available.